

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Leona Hunt

Processional Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (CP 262)

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (sung CP 365)

Collect: Giving and forgiving God, you created the good earth and blessed it. Give us glad and generous hearts, so that we may rejoice and give thanks for the abundance of your creation and the depths of your mercy and your care for all. Blessed are you, O God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 (Bev DeVouge)

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (Elaine MacInnis)

Gradual Hymn: We Give You Thanks

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19 (Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Cory Lunn

Apostles Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – I Will Enter His Gates

Prayer over the Gifts: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #3

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Seed, Scattered and Sown

Ablution Hymn: Thank You for Loving Me

Prayer after Communion: God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Dismissal

Music: May the Lord

Postlude

Greeters: Placide Chiasson & Walter Spears

Counters: Leona and Jeff Hunt & Cliff Holder

Chancel Guild: Laurel MacIntosh & Cathy Boudreau

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Hilda and Blanchard Conrad and my husband Earl Chisholm from Goldie and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tues., Oct. 13th – Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m.

Card and Game Social 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. (upper hall)

Property 7:00 p.m.

Weds., Oct. 14th – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 15th – Finance 1:00 p.m. (note date change)

Fri., Oct. 16th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Study 11:00 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 17th – Parish Retreat – Seek Wilderness 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, October 18th – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) Sunday School Coffee Hour

A happy and blessed Thanksgiving is wished to all worshipping with us today. May you know the extravagance of God's gifts and grace in Christ, poured out upon you and all you love today. A thank you to all who contributed produce and other foodstuffs to beautify our sanctuary today. We will share what has been given with the local food bank this coming week.

Communion: We offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You're invited to cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side. Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

The church office has resumed **regular hours**. Hours going forward will be Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

ASK ME! You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red “ASK ME” buttons. If you are new to St. John's (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don't have an answer for you, they'll find one!

Card and Game Social: Join us on **Tuesday, Oct. 13th** for a social time with friends in the upper hall from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite board game. Playing cards will be provided, along with tea, coffee and a snack.

2027 Canadian Church Calendars have been ordered and should be available next Sunday, October 18th. This cost is \$8. Please see Mary Hubley to pick up your copy.

Fall Retreat: Our parish 'day away' is this Saturday, October 17th. We will meet at Seek Wilderness, 825 Young St. Truro for coffee and muffins at 9:00 a.m. Eucharist will follow at 9:30 a.m. Our morning session will be led by Heather Carter, who will teach us about Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and help us practice this way of prayer. After we share our bag lunch, our afternoon session will be a Foraging workshop led by Chris Wildbore, who will take us on the trails at Seek to explore what's edible in our part of God's creation. A labyrinth will also be available in the meeting space at this time for those who choose quiet prayer instead. We will end with a thanksgiving circle and be headed home by 3:00 p.m. We welcome any who would like to join us. **Please use the sign up sheet at the back of the church today. It's not too late to be part of this great day away!**

Spiritual Café dates for the fall: (Fridays at 9:00 a.m.) - November 6 & 27 and December 18. On all other Friday mornings we will have **Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study**. Meditation is at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room of the parish hall and Lectionary at 11:00 a.m. in the main parish hall meeting room. All are welcome to join us!

Adult Confirmation Class will begin on Thursday evening October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall meeting room.

During the month of October, we will be collecting donations for the **SPCA Truro**. Everything we receive will be brought to the shelter at the end of the month. Donations can be left in the basket at the back of the church or dropped off at the office. Suggested donations:

- wet cat and dog food, non-clumping or pellet kitty litter, bleach, high-efficiency laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet paper, letter-sized white paper, treats and toys, black garbage bags,
- resealable fridge/freezer bags, latex/Nitrile gloves. Thank you for helping our four legged friends in this month of St. Francis of Assisi.

Getting to know the Anglican Liturgy Bulletin Series

Over the next little while we want to make you more acquainted with the Anglican Liturgy by offering little liturgy snippets in the bulletin. Our goal is that by getting to know more about the specific parts of the Anglican liturgy you will gain a better understanding of what we do here each Sunday Morning and why we do it. Most of all we hope you will fall in love with liturgy, a most beautiful and ancient practice.

Let's start this series with defining liturgy. The word liturgy comes from the Greek *leitourgia*, which is a combination of two other words: people (*laos*) and work (*ergon*). Literally, a liturgy is a “work of the people,” or perhaps more helpfully, a “public service.” Therefore, at its most basic, “liturgy” refers to the order of a corporate worship service.

The Anglican Liturgy is divided into two main parts: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each of these two parts of the service has its own specific components. Our next bulletin snippet will begin by breaking down the parts of the Liturgy of the word beginning with The Procession. Stay tuned!

Mission to Seafarers: We will be starting our Campaign earlier in the fall this year. Items for a regular shoe box include: Hat / Toque, Scarf or neck warmer, Gloves, Socks. Wrapped hard candy (**no chocolate**), Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo or body wash (no larger than 375ml to fit in a shoebox), Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorant, Lip balm, Playing cards, Pen/pencil, Small packages of tissues, Comb, Christmas card, Bible (supplied by mission), Mementos of NS, PEI or Canada.

Faith & Fellowship Evening

PUMPKIN CARVING GATHERING

Includes PIZZA with a GF/Veg Option

Friday, October 23rd at 6:30 P.M. in the Upper Hall. Cory will provide a short Bible reflection on Christ as the Light of the World! Please Sign up at the back of the church by October 18th. Bring your tools! Pumpkins Provided! All are welcome!



We will then take our Jack O Lanterns to the Parish Garden to watch them "Light up the Night!"

Strides for Safety: Walk for Third Place Transition House. For more than 40 years, Third Place Transition House has provided emergency shelter and support to survivors of intimate partner violence. Now, we're working toward **Second Stage Housing** – safe, affordable housing with wraparound supports where survivors and their children can rebuild their lives for up to two years after leaving shelter. With intimate partner violence at epidemic levels and Nova Scotia facing an ongoing housing crisis, this project has never been more important. **When:** November 7th at 5:30 p.m. **Where:** Meet at Civic Square, then walk 2.5 km together around downtown Truro. **How to participate:** Join a team or join on your own. Spread the word and ask your friends and families to support your efforts. For more info visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/third-place-transition-house/p2p/walk-for-third-place-2026/> email: fundraising@thirdplaceth.ca Or phone 902-893-4844.

Pickleball anyone? We will be setting up pickleball play for interested parishioners in the upstairs hall. Pickleball for years has been the fastest growing sport in North America; providing an excellent opportunity for fitness and fellowship for people of all ages. If you think you'd like to give pickleball a try, please contact Harry MacKenzie at htmackenzie2@gmail.com Stay tuned for the first time and date!!!

Sunday School and **Coffee Hour** dates for the fall term are October 18, November 1, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 20.

Christmas Collection 2026: Each week we will be asking for two items and you are asked to bring in only one of them the following week. These items can then be deposited in our grocery cart. Any items left over after preparing our boxes will be donated to the Food Bank:

Sunday, Oct. 18	can of vegetables / can of baked beans
Sunday, Oct. 25	can of soup (any kind) / can of tuna
Sunday, Nov. 1	bottle of jam / bottle of peanut butter
Sunday, Nov. 8	box of crackers / box of cereal
Sunday, Nov. 15	container of juice / small can of fruit
Sunday, Nov. 22	package of cookies / box of stove top stuffing
Sunday, Nov. 29	can of cranberry sauce/jelly box of tea bags/jar of instant coffee or hot chocolate
Sunday, Dec. 6	3 boxes Kraft dinner / bag of Christmas candy
Sunday, Dec. 13	small tub margarine
Monetary donations toward the purchase of potatoes, turnips and carrots.	

Please remember to CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE on the items you give – they will not be used until December and we are unable to distribute outdated items.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Setting the Table for Peace. **World Food Day** is October 16th. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church as we host a live-stream Worship Service from St. Matthew's Church in Kitchener, Ontario and meet Skylar Boylan, our new Atlantic Rep.



Flourishing FAITH

October 11, 2026 — Thanksgiving Special

A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, gratitude, and spiritual vitality.

To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:



Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines



Christian Education & Study



Worship & Sacramental Life



Giving, Serving & Stewarding

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Harvest & Hospitality

Focus: Creation Care & Mutual Support



THE PRACTICE

Notice the physical abundance around you this week. Take 15 minutes to clear fallen autumn leaves from a public walkway or an elderly neighbour's steps, or gather non-perishable harvest items for a local food pantry. Offer your labour as a quiet prayer of thanksgiving.



TRY THIS AT HOME

Simplify one household meal this week by using local or seasonal ingredients. During the dinner hour, share three specific things you appreciate about the people gathered around your table.



PARISH REFLECTION

How can our parish better recognize God's provision by actively caring for our local environment and vulnerable neighbours this season?

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." — Psalm 24:1



October 11th, 2026 Harvest Thanksgiving



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME FOR FUTURE REFERENCE