

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) **Presider:** Rt. Rev. David Torrerville

Licensed Lay Minister: Gordon West

Processional Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (CP 577)

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (said)

Collect: O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the powers and rulers of this world you alone may claim our loyalty and love. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 33: 12-23 (Karen Torrerville)

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (Bev DeVouge)

Gradual Hymn: There is a Redeemer

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22 (Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Joan MacDonald

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – Take My Life and Let it Be (CP 435)

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #1

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #1

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: For Everyone Born

Ablution Hymn: Strengthen for Service (CP 87)

Prayer after Communion: God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

Children's Hymn: Small Things Count

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: They'll Know We are Christians

Dismissal

Music: Let There be Love

Postlude

Greeters: Karen & David Torrerville

Counters: Hazel Sherren & Bob Standing

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 our MacDonald and Spicer siblings from Joan and Bob MacDonald.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mon., Oct 19th – Pickleball 7:00 p.m. (upstairs hall)

Tues., Oct. 20th – Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m.

Parish Council 7:00 p.m.

Weds., Oct. 21st – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 22nd – Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 23rd – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Study 11:00 a.m.

Pumpkin Carving 6:30 p.m. (upper hall)

Sat., Oct. 24th – Chancel Guild annual meeting 10:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, October 25th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Church office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Thanks to all who donated food to beautify our sanctuary for Thanksgiving. Your contributions totaled **316 pounds** which was delivered to the Colchester Food Network this week.

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!

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.

St. John’s Games, Cards and Café: Looking for a mid-week pick me up? Drop by St. John’s Hall for an afternoon of fun, friendship and refreshments. Every second Tuesday – October 27th, November 10th and 24th and December 8th. Bring your own cards/board games or join in the ones provided. There’s always laughter, good company and a fresh pot of tea and coffee. Come play, chat and unwind in a relaxed friendly space! **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

2027 Canadian Church Calendars are available for pick up today. This cost is \$8. Please see Mary Hubley to pick up your copy.

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 have started our Shoebox Campaign. 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. You will find empty shoeboxes at the back of the church each Sunday. Please take one to fill.

Dementia Friendly Connections Café: Join us at our monthly social group for an afternoon of connection, conversation and coffee (or tea). November 12th at the Truro Library from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Call 1-800-611-6345 or email Donna.Lawrence@asns.ca for more information.

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 **Our first pickleball play will be Monday, Oct. 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the upper hall.**

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.

FLOURISHING FAITH

Stewardship Season

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

ROOTED & REACHING – MICROPRACTICE

The Gift of Faith & Stewardship

Focus: Giving, Serving & Stewarding

THE PRACTICE: Reflect on faith as a profound, unearned gift received from God. This week, practice intention stewardship by sharing an encouraging word of faith with someone in your circle, or quietly dedicating a portion of your time and resources to support our shared ministry – entirely without drawing attention to yourself.

TRY THIS AT HOME: Take 10 minutes to review how you invest your personal resources – time, talents, and finances. Choose one intentional way to deepen your financial or active support for the life and mission of your parish. When did you last increase your regular offering?

PARISH REFLECTION: How can we let God's unconditional love and grace overflow to folks right around us who usually get passed over or left out?

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10



October 18th, 2026 21st Sunday after Pentecost



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME FOR FUTURE REFERENCE