



Gathering Table  
**a Faith Community**  
**in the Anglican Church of Canada**

**Preacher:** Kim Bienvenue

**Presider:** Frances Bennett-Sutton

**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers & Djembe

**Lectors:** Marilyn and Alan Chisholm

**Greeter:** Audrey and Neil Love

**Altar Guild:** Erminie Reid

**Season of Creation 3**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Back to church Sunday

**Service of the Word - Morning Prayer**

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE**

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*For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.*

*Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple*

## **Welcome To Gathering Table and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6.14*

### **Season of Creation Prayer for 2024**

Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope

found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the First fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

### **A Service of the Word 1 (SW1)**

Opening Music: CP 256

**Yours The Hand That Made Creation**

*Please stand if able.*

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

### **Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**All: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for**

**ever. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading is from The Book of Proverbs**

**Proverbs 1: 20 33**

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

This is the Word of The Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much

fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Psalm Prayer:**

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**Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen**

**Second Reading is from The Letter of James**

**James 3: 1 – 12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes.

Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able



to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the Word of The Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:      **Ancient Words**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Mark***

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Mark 8: 27 - 38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily:      **Kim Bienvenue**

*Lay Reader*

*A time for silent reflection*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**Presider:** Let us confess our faith as we say,

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*ALL: Amen.*

**Offertory:** Ancient Words

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings** **Prayers of the People**

*Adapted from BAS Litany 4*

**TOGETHER:** Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe and in the world around us, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made. Give us the grace to perceive that we are

**connected to every person and every thing that is.  
Amen**

In faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, hear and have mercy.

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: Be the foundation of all our relationships. Give us clear minds to think and healthy hearts to love.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, for families and for those who live alone: be their joy and their strength.

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: We pray for all who are suffering, for those in danger, for those who are far from home, for prisoners, exiles, and victims of oppression or persecution: Make a way for them; give them protection, strength and hope.

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: Let us lift before our Creator those who are sick, suffering or bereaved, those who struggle and those who have failed. *(Feel free to speak aloud the names of any who are on your heart today...)* Space for personal prayer

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and for those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy; give them your peace.

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER:

We pray for the leaders of the nations, especially King Charles III, Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Ford, Mayor Boshkoff and Chief Solomon. Holy Spirit, build in them a heart for your people and for your Creation, so that their governance will favour peace, justice and truth. We especially pray for our neighbours in the United States as they face a pivotal election in November.

Let us pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love. *Silence*

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

Help us to become better stewards of our resources. May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, and continue to struggle against exploitation, greed and apathy: may we all rest in the blessing of your presence with us and find joy together in your love.

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: Finally, Lord, help us to open our doors wide and open our arms and our hearts wider, to invite in those who are burdened as well as those who are whole, into our lives and community. You are the source of all that is gracious in us, your people; may our actions reveal You and your boundless Love.

Give us wisdom to hear your call clearly, and may we be strengthened by our fellowship with you and with each other.

**TOGETHER: *Lord, hear and have mercy.***

Let us pray again, together...

Creator God, teach us to see you in the beauty of the universe and in the world around us, for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for everything that you have made.

Give us the grace to perceive that we are connected to every person and every thing that is. Amen.

Presider:     **Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Presider:     And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All:     Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us**

**not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Doxology:**

Presider: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Benediction:**

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.

So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with us this day and always. **Amen**

**Announcements:**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the

church.

**Readings for The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation 4 - Harvest Thanksgiving**

Pr 31: 1 – 31.....

Psalm 1

James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7 – 8a

Mark 9: 30 – 37

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:** The Anglican Province of Nigeria and The Most Rev. Henry Ndukuba, Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria, and his wife, Angela.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People

**TOGETHER**

Every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:** Lucy Shewaybick, , Shirley Siipola, Stacey Small, Jay Smith, Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Jon Stephens, James Stewart and Cassandra Dumontier, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Elizabeth Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Carl and Roberta Wolfe,



Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

**Please Pray For:** Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)  
Do you put Jesus' priorities and purpose ahead of your own comfort or security?

**Our Daily Bread** is available at the back of the church  
Pick up a copy today for **Sept., Oct., Nov., 2024**

### **Scents, Kitchen, Allergies**

**For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:**  
*Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.*



### **We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:**

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to [prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca). If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at (807) 697-0465 and we will get it sent to you.

## **Reminder about - Visitations Communion:**

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: [rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)



**2024 Envelopes** are now available at the back

A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program\*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form. E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using:

[office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden. The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

**Sunday Sermons:** Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link

<http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

## **EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE**

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898

### **Calendar of Events**

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| Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> | Back to church Sunday and Light Lunch from the Family Camp Weekend                   |
| Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> | West Thunder Bay Spaghetti Dinner<br>See below for details                           |
| Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m. Gathering Table – Everyone welcome to attend            |
| Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep   |
| Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> | PWRDF Wild Ride-Meet at St. Paul’s 10 a.m.   |
| Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Food Cupboard and Harvest Thanksgiving   |
| Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Advisory Council 7 p.m. Zoom  |
| Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> | Deanery Men’s Breakfast – Gathering Table 9:30 a.m. Tickets \$15 – See Jim or Dave   |
| Sept. 28 <sup>th</sup> | St. Stephen’s Turkey Dinner – see below  |
| Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup> | Orange Shirt Sunday  |
| Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Deanery Council 9:30 a.m. St. Michael’s  |
| Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>  | <b><i>Save the date:</i></b> Deanery Afternoon at St. Thomas Church from 1–4:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Lay Readers and EA Breakfast and Training  |

## **West Thunder Bay’s Delicious Spaghetti Supper**

Rosslyn Community Centre 4 – 6 p.m. – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Adults \$15 / 6 – 12 years \$5. / 5 and under Free  
**Take out – bring your own containers**

**Deanery Men's Breakfast – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Coffee on at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:45 a.m.  
Guest Speakers Jessie McFadden and Ryan Mackett  
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority  
Tickets \$15 from Jim or Dave

**St. Stephen's Church Turkey Dinner**  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Adults \$27 (Sept. 22 deadline for tickets)  
Jeff 807-621-7418 or 807-683-6051 Leave Message  
*Held at Current River Rec Centre*

**Camp Gitchigomee** (*on going fundraiser*)  
**Help Kick Start our Generator Fundraiser**  
Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or twonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

**Wild Ride for Refugees**  
Wild Ride is dedicated to our new Deanery Priests. It is the third annual Wild Ride for Refugees campaign with a goal of raising \$65,000 to celebrate PWRDF's 65 years of supporting displaced families globally. The deanery will support this campaign on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10 am to noon. It will have a cycling and walking component with refreshments at St.

Paul's Anglican Church at 11 am. There will be a brief bike safety talk at St. Paul's garden at 10 am before the cyclers go to Vickers Park to join up with the walkers. The walkers initially meet at Vickers Park at 10:30 am. Archdeacon Deborah Kraft will give a blessing at the park. Then the walkers and cyclists proceed to meet at 11 am at St. Paul's Church. Last year the deanery raised \$5,035 in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. Save the date and participate! To make donations to this worthwhile cause please **write a cheque to PWRDF Wild Ride for Refugees and in the memo line write Team Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery**. Place in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church.

Linda Rintamaki rep ([linjrin@tbaytel.net](mailto:linjrin@tbaytel.net))

**Up coming Services  
with Archdeacon Deborah Kraft  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2024**

Holy Eucharist – Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m. Saint Michael and All Angels Day

National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

National Police, EMS Day

**Wear your Orange Shirt to Church**





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Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024**

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8