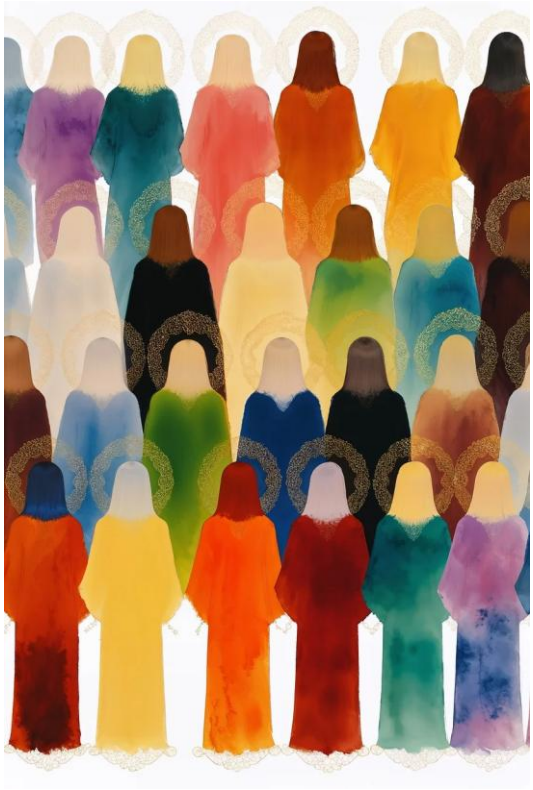
Gathering Table

a Faith Community

in the Anglican Church of Canada





23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord *!*

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Celebrant and Preacher: Pastor Matthew Diegel
Lay Reader: Lisa Long
Lectors: Frances Bennett-Sutton, Erminie Reid
Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion
Eucharistic Assistants: Alex Kostecki, David Reid, Rose Jardine (choir wafers)
Greeters: Audrey Love, Adam DiFelice
Altar Guild: Elaine McKinnon

All Saints Day
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 1st, 2026 10 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.

Welcome 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.

They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.
Revelation 7.15

Opening Music: **CP 294**
Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*
All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your

Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All: Amen

Candles are lit for those who have passed from this life to life eternal:

Dear Father, We thank you for the communion of saints through which we are mysteriously united in Christ with those who have walked before us and with us in the faith. Although they now rest from their labors in your heavenly realm, we continually draw upon their indelible and living examples of excellence and holiness.

We are grateful for the way they have shared their lives, struggles, faith, courage and acts of mercy during their lifetimes so that we might today live better lifetimes of joyful service to You in your kingdom.

With them we pray in one accord, “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Preserve the vivid lessons of their deeds of heroic trust, healing compassion and sacrificial love.

Inspire our hearts to dare to follow in their fearless footsteps.

Impart to us the heavenly perspective of eternity that they now enjoy. Help us to gaze steadily toward your face as

they did before us, resisting evil and humbly depending on you to strengthen and preserve us in the days of testing.

We make this prayer to you, the God of all nations, who calls us each to yourself that we might aspire to holiness and service in concert with the work of the saints of the ages. To you be the glory and praise and honor for all time to come. Amen.

We will now read the names of those who have died and were part of the wider parish family since Nov. 1, 2025

A candle is lite for each
of the departed Parishioners

Sylvia Kostecki
Sheila Anne Douglas
Carol Ann Flatt
Arlene Meservier
Gertrude Iris Durnford
Georgina Adderley

O God, as we witness the lives of those who received the sacrament of baptism, we embrace the profound transformation that occurs within the heart and soul of the one being baptized. May their baptism continue to ignite a flame of faith, filling them with Your love and grace. May they grow in grace and the love of Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

We will now read the names of those baptized in the parish since November 1, 2025

John Kirchen

We will now read the names of those who received First Communion in our parish

Rory McEwen
Toby McEwen
Evelyn Pyne

Children's Time: **Pastor Matthew Diegel**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Book of Revelation

Revelation 7: 9 - 17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me,

"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34: 1 – 10, 22
Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me
Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!
Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.
Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

<u>Psalm Prayer</u>: *BAS page 746*
Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the

knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. ***Amen*****.**

Second Reading is from The First Letter of John
1 John 3: 1 – 3
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Gradual: **The Lorica**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 5: 1– 12
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they

will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Sermon: **Pastor Matthew Diegel**
Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles Creed *BAS page 189*
Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People *Lay Reader*

Litany #2 *BAS page 112*

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us
to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***All:*** **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Offertory**:** **We Are The Light Of The World**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of

the church where offerings can be left as you leave the church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***All:*** **Amen**

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #5 *BAS Page 204*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***All*:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of

glory and praise.
All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but

overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.** ***All:*** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *BAS page 211*

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

The Breaking of the Bread #4 *BAS Page 212*

Celebrant: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.
All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."
All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

Communion Music**:** **Trust In God**
All Will Be Peace

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. ***All: Amen.***

Doxology *BAS Page 214*

Celebrant: Glory to God,

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

The Blessing: **Pastor Matthew Diegel**

Closing Music: **Lead Me, Lord**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Announcements:

Readings for The Remembrance Sunday

Joshua 24: 1 – 3a, 14 - 25 Psalm 78: 1 - 7

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 18 Matthew 25: 1 – 13

<u>Anglican Cycle of Prayer</u> Please Pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

<u>Diocesan Prayer Cycle:</u> Please Pray for: St. Peter's, Kingston Rev. Ryan Deyo and Deacon Rev. John Morrison

<u>Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer</u> <u>:</u>
Please Pray for:

ACC The Bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Yukon

ELCIC The president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon

MOR The people and ministries of the Alaska Province

<u>Parish Cycle of Prayer</u>
Please pray for our own church members: Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe, Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley Wolfe.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Rejoice and be glad.

Christmas Flowers

As I will be away at Christmas this year, I am starting to

make the Christmas flower list earlier than usual. The forms are on the counter at the back of the church, or give me the information, I need on any Sunday, with either cash or cheque made out to "*Altar Guild*". The cut off is Dec. 13th with me, but you can call the office with the information required by Dec. 22 at the lastest.

Thank you Audrey Love

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot St., Christmas Dessert Tea and Bazaar

Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. A variety of specialty desserts will be offered along with tea and coffee. Featuring a bake table, craft table, and Mystery Bags table for your shopping fun. Please bring your own shopping bag if able. Tickets are $8.00 and will be available for purchase at the door. Wheelchair accessible at the parking lot entrance. For additional information, please call the church office at 807-345-8823.

The Undercover Project - PLEASE DONATE

Helping Children Cover Bare Necessities this Christmas Season. There is a big box decorated to put ***New socks*** and ***New underwear*** in that will assist Community Clothing Assistance. Cash/Cheques are also appreciated, and can be put in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church and should be made out to Community Clothing Assistance. ***Please have in by November 30th, 2026***

Reminder about Nut Allergies - This is a reminder to make sure all Coffee Hour items you bring or donate are ***"Nut Free Please".*** Our Sunday School has started, and

we want to keep our children “Safe”.

World of Gifts and Christmas Cards

This year’s **Alongside Hope World of Gifts guide** makes gift giving easy. It is available in the October Anglican Journal (and will be available in November and December) or you can call **1-877-936-9199.**online at www.alongsidehope.org. Give the gift of clean water, food security, healthy babies, dignity for women and girls, emergency response and peace. **Thanks to a generous donor, all gifts are matched 1:1 up to $100,000. Gifts supported by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank are matched up to 4:1 by the Gov. of Canada.** Please have a look and consider supporting these worthwhile projects this Christmas season. **Christmas cards are now available to order!** Celebrate the hope of Christmas with two new watercolour designs: "O Night Divine" (a caribou under the Northern Lights) and "Our Dear Saviour's Birth" (Joseph and Mary with the infant King). Cards come in packs of 12 — a min. donation of $25 per pack is recommended (tax receipt eligible). Orders can be placed online or by contacting Anslim Hameed at (416) 822-9083 **ahameed@alongsidehope.org**

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

Nov. 1st	Coffee Hour
Nov. 6th	Food Prep
Nov. 7th	Card Making Workshop – See Ellen Teahan
Nov. 7th	Free Clothing Exchange – See Poster
Nov. 8th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Nov. 11th	Sleepy G Farm Members Shares 2 – 6 p.m.

Nov. 17th	Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m. St. Thomas
Nov. 20th	Food Prep
Nov. 21st	Camp Gitchigomee Camp Day See Poster in Hall – Everyone Welcome
Nov. 21st	Altar Guild Planning Mtg. 1 p.m. Parish Hall
Nov. 22nd	Last Day to donate to MTS Christmas Bags
Nov. 22nd	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Nov. 24th	Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom
Nov. 25th	Sleepy G Farm Members Share 2 – 6 p.m.
Dec. 4th	Food Prep (Note change of Date this month)
Dec. 6th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Dec. 11th	Deanery Council Dinner
Dec. 12th	Deanery Day – St. Mark's – watch for info.

Coffee Hour Requests

We are looking for more members to help out during this time. Are you available to help with setting up? Maybe you're free after church to help with clean up? Or, would you be willing to join a team that does it all once a month? Please reach out to Roberta in person on a Sunday or email her at office@gatheringtable.ca. Any and all assistance is appreciated. You can also help by providing cookies, crackers, cheese, or other goodies to share. Any donation would be most helpful.

Christmas Gift Bags

Christmas is just around the corner, which means Christmas Gift Bags for seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay is looking for donations for *Christmas Gift Bags* to be given to seafarers starting on December 1. Our objective is to prepare for 14 ships with 19 bags/ship or 266 bags. Donations need to be at the

Seafarers' Centre by November 23; use the drop-off box outside the Seafarers' Centre or call the Seafarers' Centre 807-344-8241 to make an appointment. Suggested donations include mittens, gloves, toques, neck warmers, Chap Stick, tooth paste, disposable razors, and chocolate. For further information visit www.missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca and click on Christmas Gift Bags under the Delivering Ministry tab or call the Seafarers' Centre. ***See Marg Boone***

Church Calendars Now Available

Calendars are in and are available at the office. $10 each
(Only 7 Calendars Left)

Fundraiser for Alongside Hope





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FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE

WHEN AND WHERE:

Satruday November 7, 2026 9am - 1pm
ST MICHEAL'S AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
(675 RED RIVER RD)

WANT TO DONATE?

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND BABIES. **PLEASE NO RIPS OR STAINS!** SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

166 WOODSIDE ST
722 SELKIRK ST S
250 NICHOLETTS RD

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? MESSAGE US @ THE CLOTHING LADY ON FACEBOOK





ST. STEPHEN'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
494 Leslie Avenue
(at Arundel)

Pasta Supper

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Take-out 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Sit-down at 5:15 pm

Take-out $15.00 **Sit-down $18.00**

Bring your own container for take-out

Spaghetti and meatballs

Maximum 2 extra meatballs

Each $1.00

For further information call:

Janet at 807 627-1112



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Or www.facebook.com/ststephentbay

Remembrance Day will be observed on Nov. 8th
at Gathering Table at the 10 a.m. service.
Please wear your poppy if you have one.



Looking for some dessert squares and cookies to put out for coffee hour after the service.

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Office Hours:
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Treasurer: Sharon Corston: Friday from 8 a.m. to noon –

For Pastoral Care while Rev. Ann is off, please contact one of the wardens or call the office.

Lay Readers
Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine, Lisa Long,
Brenda O'Neill, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,
Rector's Warden: David Reid
Deputy Rector's Warden: Audrey Love
People's Warden: Brenda O'Neill
Deputy People's Warden: Murray Butler
Music Director: Donna Hamill
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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2026
Ephesians 3: 17
"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith as you are being rooted and grounded in love."