Gathering Table

a Faith Community

in the Anglican Church of Canada



25th Sunday after Pentecost

‘.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord *!*

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Preacher: Kim Bienvenue
Officiant and Lay Reader: Jim Sutton
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers
Lectors: Eleanor Bennett, Marilyn Chisholm
Greeters: Colleen Speer, Carole Kostyniuk
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Morning Prayer *BAS page 47*

November 15th, 2026 **10:00 a.m.**

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Land Acknowledgement *(please stand as able)*

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

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
John 15.5

Opening Music: **CP 643**
Holy Spirit, Come With Power

(As able, please remain standing)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,
People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.
People; **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

***All*:** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Children's Talk – *Kim Bienvenue or Frances Sutton*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Judges
Judges 4: 1 – 7
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.

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

Psalm 123
Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.
Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

<u>Psalm Prayer</u>: *BAS page 883*
King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: **Spirit Of Heaven**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his

master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Homily**:** **Kim Bienvenue** *Lay Reader*
A time for silent reflection

Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Offertory: **Hymn To Christ The King**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left as you leave the church.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, hear our prayer"

Lord, hear our prayer

For the Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Rev. Ann as they begin new chapters in their lives, and for all clergy as they lead, teach and shepherd us. By your Spirit, fill them with your wisdom, compassion and love.

Lord, hear our prayer

For leaders and all those in authority throughout the world; that they would be stirred to serve all people and be motivated by truth, justice and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the safety and protection of medical, hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, NAPS and our armed forces especially the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For a blessing upon farmers, especially Marcelle and Brendan. Grant them favourable weather, good health, strength and keep them safe from all dangers in their work. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For justice and lasting peace in countries ravaged by wars,

particularly Ukraine, Palestine and Sudan. For relief and safety for people and lands affected by drought, wildfires, flood and other disasters. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.
Lord, hear our prayer

For those in need of your healing touch and grieving the loss of a loved one – (please say aloud or silently the names of persons); in your mercy,
Lord, hear our prayer

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of the human-caused climate crisis; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner.
Lord, hear our prayer

For Grace Place, Dew Drop Inn, Shelter House, Salvation Army, and our own Food Cupboard. Grant the staff and volunteers strength of purpose, resources and compassion to do this vital work. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For our parish of Gathering Table; as living testimony to the miracle of the resurrection: may we be resurrected to the way of humility, curiosity, mercy, service, wholeness, justice and love. **Lord, hear our prayer**

Collect for 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Officiant: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus

Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: 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.**

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A Blessing:

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears, to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy. And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen

Announcements:

Closing Music: **God With Us**

*** **Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall** ***

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Readings for The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16 . Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15 – 23 Matthew 25: 31 – 46

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de Chilie

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :
Please Pray for:

ACC The members of the Council of General Synod
ELCIC The members of the National Church Council
MOR The members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Mary Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson. Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Byce, Rev. Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Dennis Clark and Ashley Stoney, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen Colpitts and Teresa Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Share your time, talent, and treasure. Let your light shine.

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 latest.

Thank you Audrey Love

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".

Alongside Hope

The Algoma and Thunder Bay–North Shore deaneries have together raised an impressive **$9,718** through **Alongside Hope's 2026 Wild Ride** campaign. Through walking, cycling, and generous donations, both deaneries have demonstrated a shared commitment to supporting solar panels at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, helping provide sustainable electricity for essential patient care. Nationwide Alongside Hope exceeded its wild ride goal of $60,000 for this worthy cause! Thank you very much to everyone who contributed.

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. 15th	Coffee Hour
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.
Nov. 30th	Deadline for Clay Christmas Dessert Trays
Dec. 4th	Food Prep (Note change of Date this month)
Dec. 6th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Dec. 6th	Steve Bell Concert 7 p.m. Redwood Park Church - See poster in hall for ticket info.
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)







Thunder Bay, ON — Solo Concert
December 6 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Redwood Park Church - Tickets $29.00
1-800-854-3499
STEVEBELL.COM/EVENTS

SAFE HARBOUR
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CLAY 2027 Christmas Dessert Tray Fundraiser

Please contact your Church Representative to make an order

or Pastor Nancy Ringham ringhams@tbaytel.net or Sandy Drindak sdrindak@shaw.ca

Dessert Selection

1. Christmas Cake (individually wrapped)
2. Marshmallow Squares
3. Shortbread Cookies
4. Nanaimo Bars
5. Fudge Squares
6. Butter Tart Squares
7. Lemon Squares
8. Apple Crisp Squares
9. Banana Cake with Cherry
10. Brownies

Tray Information

Each tray contains 50 squares and costs $50.

All 50 squares are in individual cups.

The dessert selection could change. Most of the listed items will be on the trays. We may need to purchase other squares if one or two of the listed varieties have been sold.

Deadline for orders is November 30th for delivery in early December.

See Brenda O'Neill to order the Christmas Dessert Tray – make cheques out to Brenda O'Neill


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AT 228 PEARL ST
AT GATHERING TABLE
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21
FROM 5-8
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FOOD
(KRAFT DINNER
AND HOTDOGS)
Come for the fun...
stay for the fellowship!



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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,
Brenda O'Neill, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,
Lay Reader in Training: Lisa Long
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."