

Offering Prayer: Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to share, and glad to be part of a network of mission and mercy which circles the earth. Bless the ministries supported by Presbyterians Sharing as well as the mission of our congregation. Use our gifts to multiply their impact in the world you love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 670 Precious Lord

To Depart in Faith

Commissioning and Benediction

Like autumn leaves rustling on the ground in rainbow colours of promise, may we go out to share the promises of God. May God bless what we offer to nourish life in the world; what we do to bring sustenance, joy, and delight; and what we model to transform people's giving into a habit of abundant sharing in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing VU 884 You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; they'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands! And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy!

Scripture readings for October 5 2025

Lamentations 1:1-5 Psalm 137. 2 Timothy 1:1-14. Luke 17:5-10

Aging Well, Living Well Event

RM of Macdonald, Oak Bluff Rec Centre

Friday October 3 2025 9:30am-3pm. Lunch, door prizes, 50/50

Tickets \$15. Contact Nancy Langlois

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Welcome and Announcements.

Acknowledgement

We look to the Crest of the United Church of Canada to be reminded of our identity and mission:

UT OMNES UNUM SINT, from Latin meaning '*that all may be one*;' out call to be united and uniting.

AKWE NIA'TETEWA:NEREN, from Mohawk meaning, "all my relations;" our call to be united and uniting with the whole human family and to live with respect in and for all Creation. **Holy God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, You have given us all the gifts needed so that our whole family - all our relations in Creation - may live and flourish. Help us to recognize and foster these gifts within ourselves and one another.**

Introit VU 395

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship

How did it happen? How did we come to believe in scarcity? In "not enough to go around;"

In "you gotta look after yourself"?

How did we miss the plenty bursting out around us?

We are surrounded by beauty and life, joy and laughter, sharing and love.

Let us open our eyes to the plenty we enjoy, the plenty we can share, and all the plentiful goodness in our world.

Come let us worship.

Christ Candle

God, Protector of the widow, the orphan and the stranger – in a world where many know despair, you raised your Son Jesus to give hope for humanity and renewal to the earth. By the light of your wisdom and love, continue to strengthen and unify your Church in its mission to share the hope of the new life you offer.

HYMN: 315 Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Approach

Creating God,
beauty and harmony mark your creation.
As the seasons change,
we see you are still at work in the world,
transforming hearts and situations.
We praise you for all you do to repair injustice,
to bring peace to places of war,
working for goodness to prevail in all nations.
You offer us new possibilities day by day,
and so we place our trust in your redeeming power.
Renew our energy for mission this autumn
and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in Jesus’
name. Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in
your work, bringing justice and joy into the world you love.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God,
you open your heart to those in need, and to your aching
creation. We confess we often turn away so that we do not have
to see pain, suffering, or injustice, right before our eyes. We
don’t like to feel uncomfortable or pressed into service. Forgive
us, and give us courage to love others as you love us and reach
out with the care we have witnessed in Jesus. Amen.

Response: VU 662 Lead me God, lead me in your
righteousness, make your way plain before my face. For it is
you, and you God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

Words of Assurance

The prophet Micah declared that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. To all who repent, who act for justice and seek to serve God and neighbour in kindness, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Response: Halle, Halle, Halle

HYMN: 624 Give to us Laughter

First Scripture Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

This is the story of God’s people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading *Psalm 91* VU 807

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

This is the story of Jesus. **All: Thanks be to God.**

To Respond to the Word of God

Reflection

HYMN: 663 My Faith looks up to Thee

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation: Prophets and parables remind us again and again to share what we have with those living on the margins, those standing outside the gate. Through this offering, your gifts will have worldwide impact. Let us bless God with our offering.

Offertory Hymn: VU 541 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.