

Sunday November 9, 2025

Remembrance Sunday

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar. Arr. Jim Paterson.

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting the Christ Candle

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

They shall not grow old,

as we that are left grow old;

age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,

at the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them.

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Opening Prayer (*unison*)

This is supposed to be a day of remembrance, O God, but how can we remember that which most of us have not experienced; we can only imagine. We can only imagine the drone of the turboprop engines of hundreds of aircraft in the sky above our heads. We can only imagine the quaking of the earth under our feet due to the power of blanket bombing. We can only imagine the ear-shattering thunder of flak, whether we be on the ground firing up, or in the aircraft flying through. We can only imagine the searing pain of a bullet or a piece of shrapnel penetrating our flesh, or the burning of mustard gas filled lungs. We can only imagine the blinding flashes of shell fire at night. We can only imagine the sour-sweetness of our own blood as it trickles across our lips, or the metallic smell of the blood of many spilled across the landscape. We can only imagine the suffocating stench of smoke and rotting corpses. We cannot remember the horrors of war when we were not there, we can only imagine.

Yes, we remember the men and women who fought and try to imagine the horrors that they went through, but we gather today to do more than simply remember them. We seek not only to remember them, but to honour their memory. To truly honour their memory, we need to remember their hope that there must be a better way to resolve disputes between people than resorting to violence. To truly honour their memory, we need to remember their dream of a world in which there is freedom and justice and peace for all. To truly honour their memory, we need to work to make this world such a place as they dreamed of; such a place as you yourself, O God, yearn for, where nation shall not rise against nation nor learn war anymore. And so, we pray for courage and wisdom, imagination and perseverance to make such a dream a reality, and to honour their memory. May it be so. Amen.

Ministry of Music: "Da Pacem Domine (Bring us Peace)" Melchior Franck/Linda Spevacek

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 672 "Take Time to Be Holy" Words: William D. Longstaff, ca. 1882. Music: George C. Stebbins, 1890
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Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
you soon shall be fitted for service above.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 17 VU 739

**Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

Hear my just cause; attend to my cry, O God.

Listen to my prayer from lips that do not lie.

Let judgement in my favour come forth from your presence;
and let your eyes discern what is right.

If you examine my heart, if you visit me by night,

if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me.

As for what others do, according to the command of your lips

I have kept from travelling with the violent.

**My steps have been firm in your paths,
and my feet have not stumbled.**

**Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me.

Incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love;

**for by your right hand you save from their enemies
those who take refuge in you.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

**hide me under the shadow of your wings,
from the wicked who assail me,**

from deadly foes who surround me.

As for me, I shall see your face because my plea is just;

when I awake and see your face, I shall be satisfied.

**Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

Scripture: Micah 4:1-8 Peace and Security through Obedience / Restoration Promised after Exile

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's temple
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

and many nations shall come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between many peoples
 and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
 they shall beat their swords into plowshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
 neither shall they learn war any more;
 but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
 and no one shall make them afraid,
 for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,
 each in the name of its god,
 but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
 forever and ever.

On that day, says the Lord,
 I will assemble the lame
 and gather those who have been driven away
 and those whom I have afflicted.
 The lame I will make the remnant,
 and those who were cast off, a strong nation,
 and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion
 now and forevermore.

And you, O tower of the flock,
 hill of daughter Zion,
 to you it shall come,
 the former dominion shall come,
 the sovereignty of daughter Jerusalem.

*The lectionary readings for this week are: **Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 OR Psalm 98;
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38***

Meditation: “Martinmas”

Hymn VU 615 “When Quiet Peace Is Shattered” Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn, 1991. Music: John D. Hormon, 1991.
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When quiet peace is shattered by dreadful noise of war,
 and we are bruised and battered by fighting’s constant roar;
 Lord, break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard.
 O let your healing voice be heard.

When troubles still our love song, and fear beats hard within,
 when anger drowns the dove’s song and life’s a noisy din,
 Lord, break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard.
 O let your healing voice be heard.

When clashing wills divide us, and hearts refuse to mend,
 when feelings scream inside us, and agonies won’t end,
 Lord, break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard.
 O let your healing voice be heard.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

There is far too much warfare, terrorism and violence in the world. And it isn't the warmongers who suffer most, but the civilian bystanders, caught in the crosshairs. As followers of Christ, we are called to pray and care for those who are refugees, internally displaced people, or people who are just trying to live in peace in their own home for one more day. We cannot be everywhere, yet we can pray and offer financial support for those most in need. Our tithes and offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn: "Give Thanks" Henry Smith. Tune: © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
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Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

Like the prophets of old, we search for the ways of God in the world. We bring these offerings as symbols of our commitment to continue the search for peace with justice in our local and global communities. We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible. We know that God's love can work through us, transforming and enabling us to live in God's way. We offer these gifts for the transformation of our own hearts and minds, and the transformation of our world, for the good of all. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children, and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will.

Gracious God, we pray for your church. May we heed your radical call to peace, that we may be a role model for peace in this world of hatred and madness and warmongering.

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. Especially this week we think of the people of Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

We pray for all who suffer from violence, and for all who have died a violent death, on every side of every dispute, around the world, and throughout time. Especially we remember those who have given their lives in service of a world of justice and peace, including:

Honour Roll

The Last Post

MINUTE OF SILENCE

Rouse

We pray for all who are ill or dying, especially we pray for Butch, his loved ones, and caregivers and we pray for all who mourn the death of loved ones.

Compassionate God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever. This we pray in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace, who taught us to pray, saying,

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,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Laying of the Wreathes

A Reading:

"In Flanders Fields"

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (1872-1918)

Hymn VU 678 “For the Healing of the Nations” Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr, 1958.

Music: Henry Purcell, ca. 1682. Descant: Darryl Nixon, 1986.

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For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;

for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;

that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.

Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:

pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.

In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;

for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;

that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

Commissioning

Go into the world and make God's love known,

God's justice more than just a dream,

and God's peace a reality,

and may the love of God,

the peace of Christ,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with us all.

May it be so.

Amen

Sung Response: “Go Now in Peace” Words and music: Don Bessig and Nancy Price.

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there supporting us with love.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” William Croft. Arr. Cindy Berry.

HONOUR ROLL

Crumlin

World War I – 1914-1918

Private Ernie Ashman	Private Clarence Guest
Private Robert Ashman	Private David Hendry
Private Everett Bedggood	Private Stewart Kersey
Private John Billington	Private Harry Preston
Private Robert Crosby	Private William Smith
Private Freeman Duffin	Private Harry Weir
Private Grant Duffin	Private Wiliam Williamson
Private Earnest Fitzgerald	Private George Woods
Sapper Richard E. Fox	Sapper John Woods
Private LaMont Gee	Private Randall Woods

World War II – 1939-1946

Angus Armour	J. Kenneth Duffin
Frank Benny	W. Kenneth G. Duffin
George Benny	Ewart W. Jolliffe
Jack Benny	Fred A. Leitch
Jack W. Byers	C. Murray Logan
Jack Crombie	John S. McMartin
Jesse W. Dawkins	George J. Phelps
Ronald J. Dawkins	Hubert W. P. Thomson
Donald F. Duffin	Marian P. Thomson

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Matilda Hendry	J.D. Sutherland
Catherine Torrance	Kenneth Sutherland
Elizabeth Wallace	Norman Sweet
David Gooden	George Torrance
David Hendry	James Wallace
A.D. Johnston	Samuel Wallace
Gordon Sutherland	Ralph Woods

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Grant Bowlby	Russel Kilburne
Harold Boyes, M. D.	Ted Lake
Cliff Broadhurst	Norm Lake
Roy Broadhurst	Neil McDonald
Victor Couch	Charles Miles
Everett Crockett	Ben Mulholland
John Crockett	Jack Percy
Fred Droukett	Lyle Reading
Douglas Ferrar	Betty Robinson
Leo Gent	Morgan Robinson
Bruce Hunt	Jack Rogers
Ted Hunt	Will Spragg
Jack Hunt	Jack Wallis
Andy Johnson	Wes Williams
Bill Johnson	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorchester United Church is making Frozen Beef or Turkey pies. Pies are \$5.50 each. To place your order, email dorchesterUC@gmail.com or call 519-268-3154 with your name, phone number, and order, or use the sign-up sheet in the downstairs hall. Pickup will be Saturday, November 29 at the church from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Lambeth United Church is holding their Holly Berry Bazaar on Saturday, November 15, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be sewing, crafts, woodworking, meat pies, knitting, preserves, books, baking, jewellery, attic treasures, a pet centre and more. Lunch is available for \$8. Interac, Visa, MasterCard and Cash are all accepted.

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Dorchester is holding their annual Online Silent Auction to benefit community outreach from noon November 15 to November 19 at 7:00 p.m. To view items and bid, go to www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064784468405

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Dorchester is holding their annual Spaghetti Supper on November 18, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted.

Organ Recital Series: From Buxheim to Bach A series of four recitals will take place at Metropolitan United Church (London) at 12:15 p.m., followed by a light lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, November 18, and January 27. A freewill offering will be received.

The Royal Canadian College of Organists present their **Annual Carol Festival** on Sunday, November 30 at 4:00 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington St., London). A freewill offering will be collected.

All Things Nativity – December 7th, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. We plan to showcase scenes of the Nativity again this year. If you have a Nativity set, painting, stained glass, tapestry, or any other representation of the Nativity please deliver it to the church by November 30th. Consider including a paragraph indicating the history or origin of your Nativity. Please include your name and contact information so we can return it. Admission is a donation to the local Food Bank.

Ark Aid Mission has launched the HOLIDAY BIG GIVE. They have challenged the community, faith and otherwise, to raise \$500,000 to fund 10,000 more days of safe rest, food, and other essentials. For more information, go to www.holidaybiggive.ca or contact paula@arkaidmission.ca

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LECTIONARY READINGS:

November 16 – Twenty-third after Pentecost – Proper 28

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19