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November 17, 2024- Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude Come Now, Almighty King

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (222 VU Come, Let Us Sing)

*Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.*

Call to Worship (responsive)

God is strong, like a rock.

The love and mercy of God are an anchor for our lives.

God cares for the people the world forgets.

The compassion and peace of God seeks us in our lives.

God is the one who gives life and who guards the future.

The hope and grace of God transforms our lives.

Prayer of Approach (together)

**Loving God, as we gather for worship,
tune our ears to hear you speaking to us,
clear our minds to understand your call,
and open our hearts to know your mercy and love.
For we have come as your people in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Hymn: 312 VU *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 649 VU *Walk with Me*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20 (p.742 VU)

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:18-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Anthem: Come to Jesus (Mark Hayes)

Sermon: "Endings and Beginnings"

Henriette Marais

Melissa Kuipers

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 120 MV *My Soul Cries Out*

Minute for Social Justice

Offering Prayer and Offering Response (537 VU Your Work, O God)

*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere
and some there are who cannot serve, unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make;
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 675 VU *Will Your Anchor Hold*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (222 VU Come, Let Us Sing)

*Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow*

Postlude Largo (Handel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship. May this time help you draw to closer to God and your neighbour. We recognize that we gather in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, and we seek to be good neighbours to the First Nations.

Coffee Hosts this morning are Joanne Clifton and Isabel Tate

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Tuesday, November 19

- 11:00 am Community Hot Meal Program
- 3:00 pm Meditation Group in the Parlour. Contact Fran for more information 902 870-1198.
- 7:00 pm Church Council via Zoom

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- 11:00 am Community Hot Meal Program
- 7:00 pm Choir practice

Sunday, November 24

- 10:30 am We gather around the table to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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Advent is Coming! The worship Committee are inviting everyone to come on Saturday, November 30th at 10:00am to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!

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