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Our Mission as a congregation: *Love the Lord Your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy and love your neighbour as yourself. (Mark 12:19-21 MSG)*

November 9, 2025- Remembrance Sunday

GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude *Highland Cathedral* (Korb/Roever) Scott Williams on bagpipes

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: (79 MV Spirit Open My Heart vs 1)

***God replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit open my heart.***

Call to Worship (responsive)

The poppies which rest over our hearts call us to remember.

They are a reminder of family members, friends, and neighbours.

The poppies which rest over our hearts are not a symbol of war.

They are a reminder of those who sacrificed everything for peace.

Prayer of Approach (together)

**O God, our help in ages past,
surround us with the memories and stories of those who came before
us. Let us remember the times of uncertainty and confusion and see
the hope and peace you offer to the world.**

**O God, our hope in years to come,
draw us close to you and to each other as we remember. Remind us
of your vision of a better world and show us again the importance of
working for peace this day and always, Amen.**

Hymn: 527 VU *God, As with Silent Hearts*

Children's Time and the Lord's Prayer

GOD IS WITH US AS WE REMEMBER

"O Canada"

The Last Post and Silence

Lament

Rouse

Placing of the Wreath

Prayer for Remembrance (together)

God of today, yesterday, and tomorrow, we have paused to listen to the silence and remember those whose service changed our country and our world. Help us keep their stories close to our hearts as we listen to your word of grace and hope. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

Hymn: 679 VU *Let There Be Light*

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46 (p. 770)

First Lesson: Micah 4:1-4

Epistle: Romans 14:7-12

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Anthem *Blessing and Honour* (Graham)

Sermon "Blessed are the Peacemakers"

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Hymn: 678 VU *For the Healing of the Nations*

Offering *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Bradbury)

Offertory Response (542 VU *We Give You But Your Own*)

***We give you but your own; what'er the gift may be
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: 686 VU *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction (79 MV Spirit Open My Heart vs 2)

***Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought word and deed, may my living bring you glory.
Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.***

Postlude

Carter Todd
Scott Williams

Captain Tim Hinds (Retd)

Tim Hinds
Michèle Ashby

Carter Todd

Scott Williams

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.

*Poem by Captain John McRae (1872-1918)
published 8 December 1915*

For the Fallen

They shall grow not 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.

*Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943),
published on 21 September 1914.*

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

Greeter at the Door is Pamela Cunningham

Storyteller at Children's worship is May MacKenzie

Coffee Hosts are: Diane Polson and Diane Theuerkauf

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, November 9

10:30 am Remembrance Sunday. We welcome members of the community, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59, as well as Army and Air Cadets.

Tuesday, November 11

10:45 am Remembrance Day at the cenotaph. Please note there is no Community Hot Meal or Meditation Group this day.

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 am United Church worship at the Maples
4:00 pm Finance and Stewardship in the Parlour.
7:00 pm Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, November 13

11:00 am Community Hot Meal in the Hall

Saturday, November 15

12:00 pm Holly Tea and Sale

Holly Tea and Sale - November 15

The Holly Tea & Sale is this Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Bakers and homesteaders, if you have fudge, or baked goods, or preserves we would be grateful for your donations on Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Don't forget we need trays of uncut squares for the tea tables.

****IMPORTANT**** Be sure to include the name and ingredient list for any baked goods in the case of allergies.

If you are not working at the event, we hope you will still come to enjoy the delicious tea luncheon and shop at our tables. It is a great day to bask in the warm fellowship of friends and neighbours.

Thanks, Christine Briand

UPCOMING AT ST. JAMES

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 pm Church Council via Zoom.

Friday, November 28

11:00 am Memorial Service for Brenda Botterill

Coming soon. There's a chance to read and reflect on the powerful account of the over 6 yrs on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as written by Marie Wilson in North of Nowhere. Limited registration so sign up soon for the three sessions, either after church or in office. Books are available in the town library and at area bookstores. Begins January 4th after church. Registration closes on November 30th. Contact Fran 902 872 1198 for info.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music of the Night presents "Into the Woods" Eleanor Mutimer Theatre, Dr. John Hugh Gillis High School. November 21-30. Tickets available at Antigonish Five to One Dollar Store or online at <http://tiny.cc/motn2025> \$20 adult, \$18 students and seniors.

Antigonish Choral Society presents a short version of "A Concert for Peace" Sunday November 9th at 2:00pm in the RK MacDonald Nursing Home Chapel. Free entry for all.

Scriptures Next Sunday

Malachi 4:1-2a • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19

