**Christ Church, November 15th, 2026**
**If you are visiting us –welcome!**

# We Gather As God's People

*Leader* 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 Hymn #601

**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

*(Please Stand)*

**The Gathering of the Community**

(All standing)

*Leader* O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is Your Name. Great is Your Love.**

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is Your Name. Great is Your Love.**

For you the monarchs of the earth show bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is Your Name. Great is Your Love.**

Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is Your Name. Great is Your Love**

*Leader* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*Leader* Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

## General Confession *(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)*

*Leader* Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Leader* 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. **Amen.**

## A SONG TO THE LAMB

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9–10, 13*

**Splendour and honour and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God, For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and have their being;**

**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your blood you have redeemed for God, From every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.**

**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, Be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, for ever and for evermore. Amen.**

# We Listen to God's Word

***Reader*** A reading from the book of **Judges**

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 Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for 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."'
JUDGES 4.1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
**Thanks be to God.**

***Reader*** A reading of **Psalm 123**
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.
**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.

**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.**

## YOU ARE GOD

**You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.**
**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
**The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**
**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**
**You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**
**You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.**

*Reader* A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the **Thessalonians**

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. 1 THESSALONIANS 5.1-11

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**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN #93

**YOU SERVANTS OF THE LORD**

*Please remain standing*

## THE GOSPEL

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of **Matthew**

'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."
MATTHEW 25.14-30

The Gospel of Christ
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON Nancy DeKuyper**
*The Parable of the Talents: From God, Through Us, To Him*

***A moment of quiet reflection***

**ANTHEM CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

## We Respond to God's Word

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand)*
*Leader* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again**

**according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(You may stand, sit or kneel for prayer as you are comfortable. )*

*Intercessor* In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord.

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
**Who put their trust in you.**

This morning we pray for our bishops Andrew, Kevin, and Riscylla; for our Primate Shane; and for our Provincial bishop, Anne. We pray for the Upper Trent Anglican Regional Ministry and as Canon Brad Smith concludes his appointment for the Parish of Belmont, we give thanks for his service to our parishes. We pray for our priest in charge, Archdeacon John, Lisa, and their family, O God, who is our hope,
**hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for especially Allison, Baby Oliver, Barb, Carol, Caroline, Cherlyn, Connie, Francoise, Glen, Isobel, Jan, Jennifer, Jess, Kelly, Lillian, Lew, Marie, Marie-Eve, Marylin, Marylin L., Natalie, and those known only to you, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine. O God, who is our hope,
**Hear our prayer.**

Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Faithworks and its support of local outreach projects in our Diocese. We pray for our Local Outreach ministry and the Share the Warmth Blanket and Clothing drive. O God, who is our hope,
**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. O God, who is our hope,
**Hear our prayer.**

**God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Transfigure us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN #435
**TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Leader* Holy God,
**your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*Leader* Almighty God,
**you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ✞THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Leader* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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.**

## GRACE

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

# We Are Empowered For Mission

*Leader* Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

May God bless us; may God keep us in the Spirit's care and lead our lives with love.
**May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts and Christ's own peace prevail through this and every day, till greater life shall call. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
**Praise him, all creatures here below;**
**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## CLOSING HYMN #263

**PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE**

**~ Dismissal ~**

**May we go forth into the world in peace. May we remember whose image we bear, for we have been created by God and belong to God. As we return to our daily lives, may we fulfill our obligations to the world with integrity, but give our whole hearts, our devotion, and our worship to the Almighty alone. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and remain with us always.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Celebration of Life

Mike Keogh's Funeral will be held on Friday November 27th 11:00am at Christ Church.

### *S*cripture Study on Wednesdays

A small group of our members were meeting for a scripture study on Tuesday mornings, and numbers have been on the decline. Studying the word and its impact on our life is an important part of our faith walk. Commencing Wednesday, November 25th from 10:00 to 10:50 am, in the St. Luke Room, we will continue this tradition of a scripture study. This will be a perfect time join us as we consider the Advent readings for each Sunday.

**Mid-Week Eucharist on Wednesday**
Also commencing on Wednesday, November 25th will be a mid-week Eucharist each Wednesday at 11:30 am. This is a said service taken from the page 230 of the BAS (a Form in the Language of the Book of Common Prayer 1962). It will be an informal service with one reading, usually the gospel and a short reflection. It is Archdeacon John's practice to use the prayers and readings from the Anglican Church of Canada For all the Saints.

**Service Change**
The Regional combined service planned as Evening Prayer at 3:30pm on November 29th will be a Eucharist at 10:00am (Advent 1)

**SHARE THE WARMTH**
**BLANKET AND WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**
The Outreach Committee is accepting donations of gently used or new:

Warm Blankets
Heavy coats and insulated jackets
Gloves, hats and thick socks

to support our unhoused neighbours as the temperatures, drop.
Collections will occur over two Sundays: November 15 and 22. Please drop off your donations in the designated area in Jenkins' Hall.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us spread warmth in our communities this season. If you are aware of someone who is in need of these items, please contact a member of our Outreach Committee: Sharon Peeling, Diane Williamson, Shirley Warr, Elizabeth Hogle, Evelyn Field.

**Christ Church Advisory Meeting**
Tuesday November 17th 7pm, Jenkins Hall

**The Voice Newsletter**
The deadline for submissions to the Christmas Edition of "The Voice" is December 7th. This is 'our' newsletter which means your contributions make it happen. Submission are to be sent to Drew Simpson at our email address: **christchurch1@bellnet.ca**

**EUCHRE Christ Church, Campbellford**
Wednesday November 18th
1 - 4pm $10.00 per person
PRIZES / DESSERT / BEVERAGE
Register: 705 653-5365 Jim

| **Today's Readers** | |
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| 1st Lesson OT | David Fulton |
| Psalm | Jim Peeling |
| 2nd Lesson | Irene Fulton |
| Gospel | Nancy DeKuyper |
| Prayers | Mary Lou Steinmann |
| Chalice | |
| Server & Chalice | |