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24th Sunday after Pentecost **Remembrance Sunday**
Date: November 8, 2026 **Service colour: Green**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)
Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)
Lighting of the Christ Candle; *Doxology* (Book of Praise 830)
Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)
M: We gather today in gratitude and remembrance, honouring those who served and sacrificed their lives for the sake of peace and freedom.
C: We remember their courage, their sacrifice, and their hope for a better world.
M: We come before God, mindful of the wounds of war, the sorrow of loss, and the longing for peace among all nations.
C: We pray for healing where there is suffering, reconciliation where there is division, and peace where there is conflict.
M: As followers of Christ, who is the Prince of Peace, we are called to be peacemakers, seeking justice, mercy, and love in our world.
C: May God strengthen us to live in peace, serve with compassion, and work for justice.
M: Come, let us worship the God of peace, whose love sustains us, whose grace renews us, and whose hope leads us forward.
All: With thankful hearts and renewed commitment to peace, let us worship God. Amen. (remain standing, if able)

Act of Remembrance:
Poem: *They shall grow not old* **–** Bill Langley
Silence
National Anthem "O Canada"
Poem: *In Flanders Fields* – Mary Pyche
Laying of a wreath – Cassie and Kaitlin Sloan

Prayer of Adoration
Prayer of Confession: (unison) **God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is broken and heartbreaking. Countries turn disputes over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. We have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us all. Amen**
Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."
Declaration of forgiveness
M. May the Peace of Christ be upon you. **C. And also on you.**
A sharing of the Peace of Christ, followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Announcements
Hymn: 726 *May the God of hope* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: God of parables, your Word can meet us with a challenge, a puzzle and a promise. Send your Spirit with the gifts of understanding to grasp the puzzle and courage to take up the challenge and the promise, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen
Lessons: Psalm 46 (Responsive Reading); Matthew 25:1-13 (p. 24)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**
Sung response: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sermon: "Prep time Mission"
Hymn: 655 *Give me oil in my lamp*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following the Offertory.
Prayer of dedication (*stand, if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer(*debts, debtors)*

Hymn: 330 *O God, our help in ages past*
Benediction & Choral Amen
Song: "Go now in peace" (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)
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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Gerry & Nancy Archibald
Elevator: Lee Walker
Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** Jamie Leck
Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: Fellowship in the Hall after the service. Everyone is invited.
Wed: Hope Cottage Ministry(Drop off between & 7 am & 4 pm)

Christ Church Food Bank: Last November we had a very successful food drive, and we thought it would be great to do it again this year. Suggested items include: nonperishable food, Kleenex, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream and razors, shampoo, hygiene products, socks, mitts, hats, and cat food. Please consider bringing donations on or before **November 15.**

2026 Christmas Project: For many years, we have had a Christmas Project to support FEED NS, and the Outreach & Education Committee wants to continue it in 2026. The goal is to raise $2,500; all donations received by December 1 will be doubled.

Christmas Carols & Readings: December 13, 2026. 🎵 🎵 🎶 🎵 The Worship & Fellowship Committee invites folks of all ages to join a "Sprinter Choir" for this service. The choir will lead the congregation in familiar carols and perhaps a couple of choir songs! The choir will meet for rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. on 3 Wednesdays: November 25, December 2 and December 9.