Announcements

Hello, everyone; With just a few days remaining in 2025, we have our November totals to give you. Our income to Nov.30th. 2025, was \$135,147.00 while our expenses were \$164,250.13 leaving us with a deficit of \$29,103.13 Our offering gifts received during the month of December last year (2024) was \$38,103.00 which included some special financial gifts made during December, as well as our "pledged" gifts of \$15,980.00 from our gift tree event. We know achieving a balanced budget will be more of a challenge this year, but we also know you are committed to helping us do that, in support of our church. At this particular time of year, we would also like to remember those people special to us, whose names were written on the small wooden stars hanging on our gift tree. We would like to encourage you to take a few moments to enjoy them. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and our best wishes for 2026. F&P Committee

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



Mission Moment

The Government of Pakistan is intensifying its efforts to expel undocumented Afghans, as well as those with temporary permission to stay in the country. Between 700 and 800 families have been deported daily. These deportations pose devastating risks, particularly for women and girls who face increased threats of violence, persecution and loss of access to basic rights upon return to Afghanistan. Such actions violate international protection principles and undermine decades of humanitarian efforts to protect vulnerable populations. Your voice and solidarity are crucial at this moment.

Visit <u>WeRespond.ca/advocate-for-Afghan-refugees</u> to learn more and take action.

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The First Sunday of Christmas

"to know, love and serve God wherever we are and to inspire others to do the same by our thoughts, words and deeds"

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Hymn: #135 Christians, Awake

Opening Prayers

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: #143 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Matthew 18: 21-35

Ministry of Music: "The Birthday King" (W.H. Neidlinger)

- Cameron Clay

Message

Hymn: #670 Amazing Grace

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: #141 Good Christians, All Rejoice

Benediction & Dismissal

Thank you to Jenny Schmitt for leading us in the worship this morning.

Things to pray for this week...

We pray that our lives may echo the refrain of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to all people."



Loving God, we thank you for the gift of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who brings reconciliation. May we know you more clearly and serve you more faithfully as we receive the Christ Child again.

We pray for the health and well-being of members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, and for the staff, volunteers and communities of people they support at each of the eight National Indigenous Ministries in the church.