

Welcome to *First-St Andrew's* **UNITED CHURCH**

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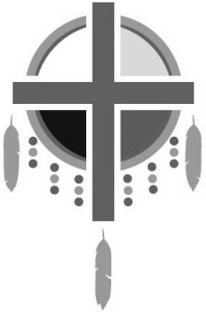
June 24, 2018 **National Aboriginal Sunday** **10:30 am**



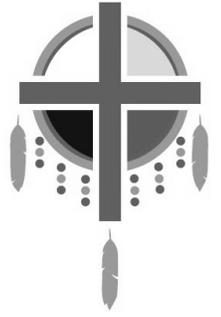
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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's. If you are new to the family, please know that you are always welcome here. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA. Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you! Please contact her at revmichelledown@fsaunited.com or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand, if able.

Music to Enter into God's Presence:

Be Thou My Vision
They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

arr. Joseph Martin
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

A brief congregational meeting will be held after today's service to receive the 2017 Financial Statements.

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Rebecca & Elizabeth Skelly

Music: MV #7 Gather Us In - congregation sing twice
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.



Call to Worship:

Barbara Cunningham

One: We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all.
ALL: We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love.
One: With gratitude, we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.
ALL: With gratitude, we gather in the waters of Creation, in the waters of initiation, Your Spirit flows.
One: Drench us in the new life that pours from you like a waterfall.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Barbara Cunningham

***Hymn:** UV #260 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Forming Young Faith: Prepping for a Mission Trip
(Children leave for Spirit Games)

Jane Dockrill

Stewardship Seconds:

Good stewards are careful not to put obstacles in others' ways.

Anthem: Words of Chief Seattle

Amy Stephens

*The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth.
All things are connected; like the blood which unites one family.*

*We do not weave the web of life, we are but a strand in the web of life.
And what we do to the web we also do to ourselves.*

*The earth is precious to God. To harm the earth is to harm its Creator.
Ev'ry part of the earth is sacred to my people.
One thing I know; our God is the same God.*

The earth does not belong to us ...

Youth on a Mission:

Ella Tufts, Naomi Tufts & Mason Robichaud

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Katherine Wonfor

Sermon: Now is the Acceptable Time!

***Hymn:** MV #135 Called by Earth and Sky

Offering

Offertory Music: Sweetgrass and Candle

Ron Klusmeier

*Sweetgrass and candle, the peace pipe and bible,
the stories of elders, and beat of the drum;
these are the symbols of hope, faith, and justice.
We gather in circle, affirming we're one.*

*Welcome the stranger for he is our brother
and she is our sister of mother earth.
Care for creation for all life is sacred
And we are united by vision's rebirth.*

*Join in the circle that will have no ending,
For we are all equal and loved in God's sight.
Praise the great spirit! We gather as fam'ly
to sing of Love's freedom and dance with delight!*

*Welcome the stranger ...
Sweetgrass and candle ...*



Offertory Response: VU #541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayers of Dedication

***Hymn:** VU #307 Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

***Blessing and Benediction**

Congregational Meeting to Receive the 2017 Financial Statements

Established in 1996, National Aboriginal Day falls annually on June 21; many faith communities celebrate the closest Sunday as Aboriginal Sunday.

National Aboriginal Day gives all Canadians the opportunity to participate and share knowledge about Aboriginal peoples' values, customs, languages, and culture. It gives Aboriginal peoples an opportunity to showcase the beauty of their cultures and languages.

Although the three Aboriginal groups in Canada—First Nations, Inuit, and Métis—share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. There is much diversity among these peoples.

National Aboriginal Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the unique and outstanding achievements and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit and to show pride in their accomplishments. The United Church's General Council Office encourages all staff to participate in National Aboriginal Day celebrations.

Learn more on the websites of the United Church (www.united-church.ca) and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca).



The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Paul Merritt, Enid Merritt, Susan McGregor, Doug McGregor

Narthex Co-ordinator: David Flynn

Lemonade on the Lawn: Membership and Nurture Committee

Service Support: George Jolink

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff

Rev. Michelle Down Minister of Worship and Congregational Life

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Barry Tiffin Atrium Steward

Paul Merritt Organist Emeritus

Dr. Jo Ann Silcox Designated Pastoral Care Volunteer