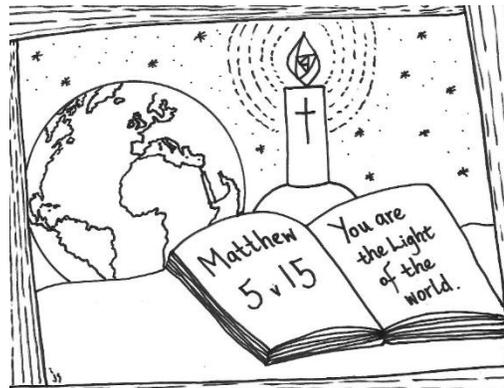


February 8, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

GATHERING SONG You Are Salt of the Earth BLUE 502

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

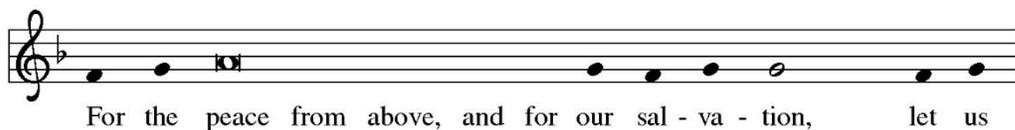
Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE



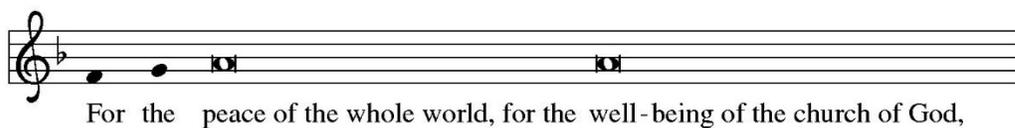
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



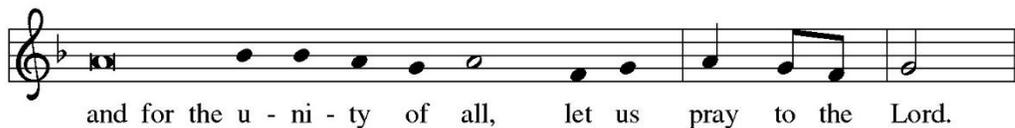
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



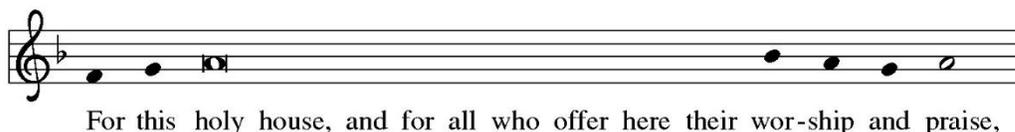
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



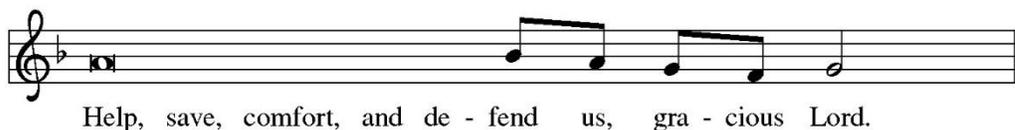
Lord, have mer - cy.



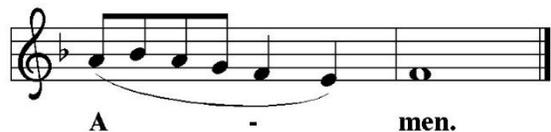
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we are called and empowered to do, and give us the grace to do them, through Jesus the Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their ritual fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

**C: ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”**

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

^{9b} When you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ When you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also, no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Jesus says, whoever follows me
I am the light |* of the world: will have the light of life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be

called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gather Us In

RED 532

BLESSING OF CANDLES

All the people hold their unlighted candles up high.

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God 's blessing as we set apart these candles to the glory of God.

Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift. You have commanded us to show your splendor to our children, and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on these candles, which we set apart today; may they be to us a sign of Christ, the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

To you, O God, be all glory and honour through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

God of justice and mercy, you call your church to loose the bonds of injustice and to let the oppressed go free. Shape your people in every place to be salt of the earth and light for the world, eager to worship you in lives of mercy, generosity, and truth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You satisfy the needs of the afflicted and make your light rise in the darkness. Inspire us to delight in your good earth, to mend what we have damaged, and to practice fasting that restores habitats, protects waters, and cares for every living creature. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You desire that your people rebuild ancient ruins and raise up foundations for many generations. Guide leaders in every land to seek the common good, defend the poor, and pursue peace, that your justice may shine like the noonday. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You promise to guide us continually. Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and kindle in your people a steadfast love that visits, comforts, and does not turn away from their need. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and

Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Sue and Earlby, Chris and Joan, Kathryn, Kelly, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*).

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

You set communities of faith to be repairers of the breaches and restorers of streets to live in. Here at All Saints, deepen our trust in your grace, strengthen our ministries of welcome and reconciliation, and help us let our light shine before others in this community. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of glory, in every generation you have called saints to reflect your light. We give you thanks for the holy ones known to us and for all whose names are known only to you, and we pray that, with them, we may rejoice in your holy realm where righteousness is complete, and your law of love is fully lived. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God of mercy and justice, receive our prayers and hopes, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY **Arise, Your Light Has Come**



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

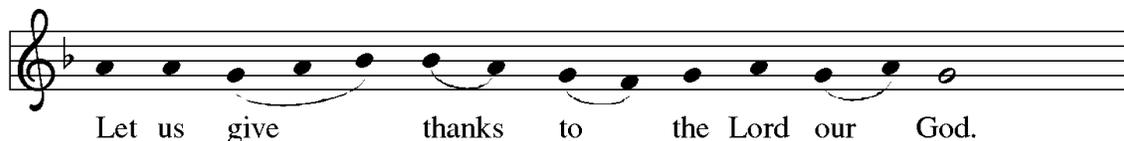
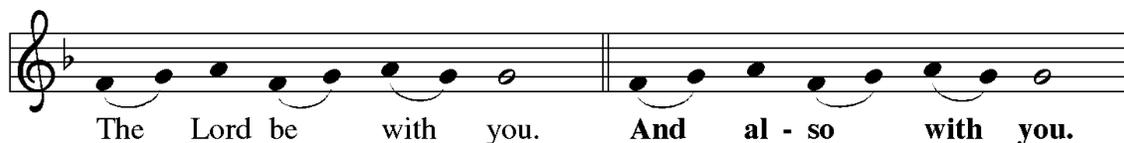
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Saviour.

Amen

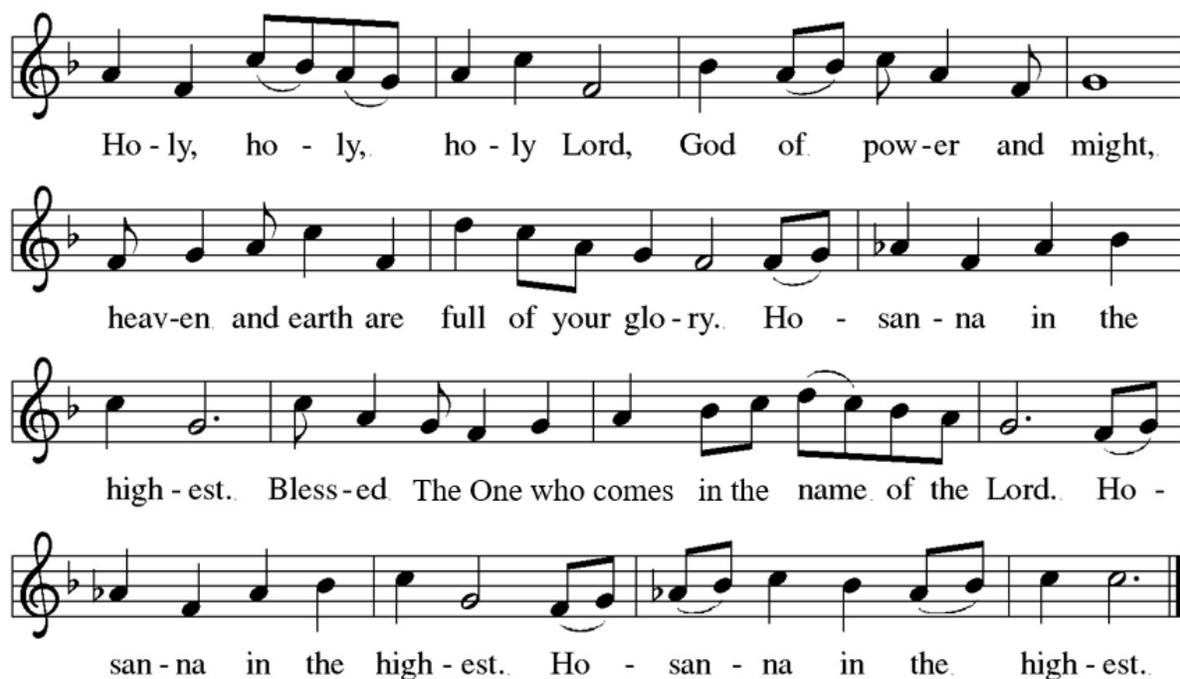
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed The One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for Christ Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come. a - gain.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the light that has come into the world.

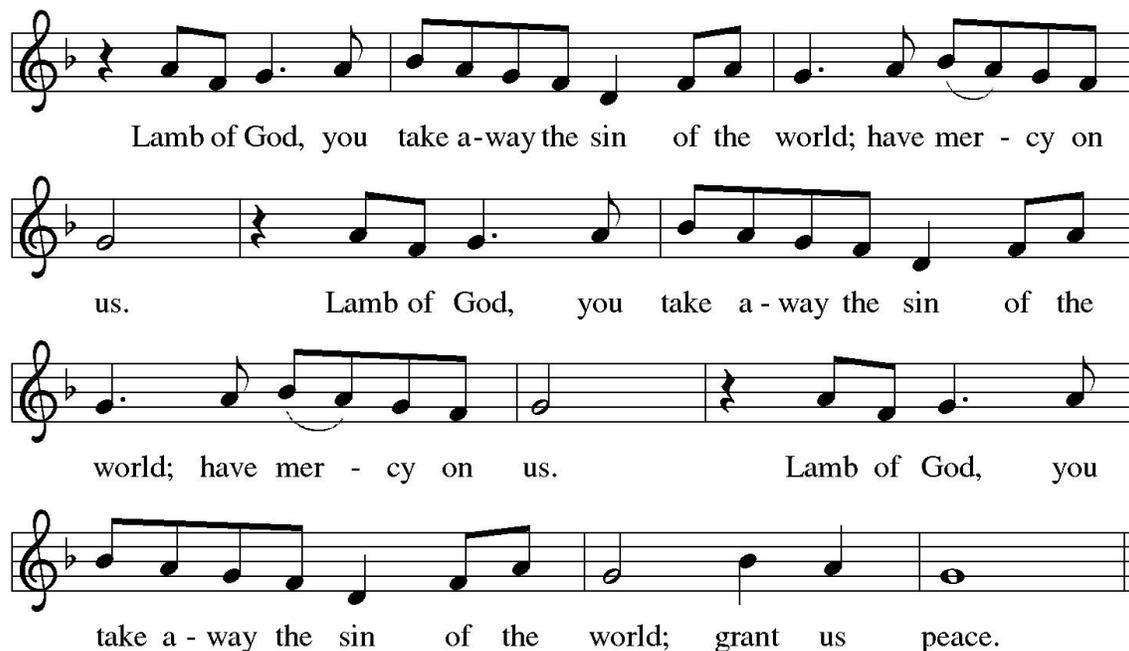
We who walk in darkness have seen a great light. May Christ, the Light of the world, shine in our hearts forever.

God is now in flesh appearing.
Come to the feast of joy!

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Laudate Omnes Gentes

BLUE 314

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

BLUE 585

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

BLUE 592

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your
Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our
Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the triune God,
who has put a new song on your lips
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

SENDING HYMN O God of Light RED 507

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Penny Richards
Servers	Jan Neilsen John Szymanski	Laura B Mann Julianna Stephens
Reader	Deborah Szymanski- Potts	Bill Clatworthy
Greeters	Sheila Chappel	Lily Flewelling
Ushers	Richard & Linda Zytner	Richard & Linda Zytner
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Michele Altermann Marilyn Coleman	Michele Altermann Marilyn Coleman
Counters	Norm Frid Bill Clatworthy	Norm Frid Ann Sanders
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Laura F. Mann, Connie Shaw, Christine Morrison	

We pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of the Eastern Synod

MOR: For a growing openness to dialogue and encounter with people of other faith traditions during World Interfaith Harmony Week

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

Chi Rho: Please join us on **Thursday February 12, 2026** at **1:00 p.m.** in Rose Head Hall. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Victor Krishak. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Reports: Please be aware that reports are due by **Sunday February 15, 2026.** Please send your reports to Janet Weigel at jweigel0220@rogers.com

Pancake Supper: Join us on **Tuesday February 17, 2026,** for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper between **5:00 and 7:00 p.m.** There are sign up sheets in the narthex for helpers and also for numbers attending so we know how much to cook! All are welcome, a free will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Ash Wednesday: There will be an Imposition of Ashes Service at noon (12 p.m.) on **Wednesday February 18, 2026.** Please join us.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **February 22, 2026.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Lenten Lunches are back! Starting **February 22, 2026,** join us for soup, bread and conversation after worship on five Sundays in Lent. The theme of our lunches this year will be **"Intentional Listening to God and to One Another."** There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for soup heroes! We are hoping for a variety including some vegan options each week.

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for February we need **pasta sauce, school snacks and cooking oil (1L).** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*

2025 Donation Receipts: Please check your mailbox to collect your 2025 Donation Receipt for income tax purposes. Thank you.

Free to Read: This year we are again supporting the Guelph Tool Library Book Sale in support of the Books for Inmates Program, a

program that supports literacy programs in correctional facilities across Southwestern Ontario. One of the challenges for the Books for Inmates Program is to acquire the necessary books for literacy programs. Desired books, such as technical books and books in other languages, are typically not donated. The book sale hopes to sell those books that are frequently donated, such as best sellers and detective stories, and use the proceeds to purchase the desired books.

The Guelph Tool Library is running the Free to Read Book Sale to celebrate **World Book Day on Saturday April 25, 2026 from 10 am until 3 pm.** The sale will be in the main concourse of the Old Quebec Street Shoppes and will feature over 10,000 books! We are collecting donations of books starting **Monday February 9 until Wednesday April 22, 2026.** This is a great opportunity to consider what books in your home are ready to find their next 'forever home'! (Please – no encyclopedias!)
Thank you.

Recent legislation in Alberta and Saskatchewan restrict the rights, dignity, and safety of transgender and gender-diverse people. These provinces are using the “notwithstanding clause” to shield this legislation from judicial review, thereby preventing Charter challenges from being heard. If you have not already done so, please consider signing a petition in support of human rights – the link is below. Thank you.

House of Commons Petition e-7207:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7027>

February 16, 2026 is the deadline to sign this petition. Please share this widely.

Coldest Night of the Year is a simple, meaningful way for churches to come together in visible witness to our shared call to care for those experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness in our community. By forming a team and walking alongside others, we demonstrate that no one is meant to face hardship alone. All

coldest
*night
OF THE YEAR



feb. 28, 2026
it's cold out there
#cnoy

funds raised through the Guelph walk stay right here in our city, directly supporting Hope House’s vital work. As people of faith, this is a powerful opportunity to stand alongside our most vulnerable neighbours while strengthening the bonds of community that make Guelph such a compassionate place to live.

St. George’s will again be fielding teams for both the 2 km and 5 km walks, and we would be delighted to walk alongside members of other faith communities. Participation can be as simple as forming a small team or encouraging a few members/parishioners to join an existing one. Every step and every dollar truly makes a difference.

Registration is easy at <https://cnoy.org/location/guelph>. Resources are available to support fundraising, and the event itself is family-friendly, well organized, and a lot of fun!

Thank you for the many ways you already serve our community. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us for this year’s Coldest Night of the Year. When we show up together, we offer hope, warmth, and solidarity to those who need it most.

In faith,

Laura Keller, Peoples' Warden, St. George's Anglican Church and Event Director, CNOY Guelph
laurajskeller@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD: February 9 – 15

Wednesday 11	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor’s Office
Thursday 12	1:00 p.m.	Chi Rho, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Sunday 15	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany 6 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany 6 Holy Communion—Nave