



Unknown, But Never Forgotten

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Sharon St. John Pastoral Charge
November 8th 2015 – 24th Sunday of Pentecost
“Lest We Forget”

Today's bulletin has been donated by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Ministers: The Whole People of God

Ordered Minister: Rev. Dr. James Shaffner

Ministry of Music: Amanda MacIntosh

Words of Reflection:

God of grace and truth, on this Remembrance Day Sunday, we remember those who have given and continue to give the sacrifice of self so that we may have peace. Teach us how to follow Jesus and to give wholly of self to the Spirit of Peace and our fellow human beings. Amen.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S CHILDREN

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

O CANADA

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: MV # 157 “I Am a Child of God”

I am a Child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication.

I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pierre Aucoin

One: Today is a day of memories....

P: We will remember the sacrifices of people – past and present.

One: Today is a day of reflection – reflecting on how the gods of greed, selfish ambition, and indifference have infiltrated our lives and caused the world pain.

P: We will reflect upon the meaning of life, and the purpose to which we are born.

All: Today is a day to look beyond the battle – a day of new beginnings – in our remembering we are called to make a place for Jesus' peace, love, and hope in our hearts and in our world, and to follow where the Spirit leads us. Let us worship our God.

HYMN: VU # 678 *"For the Healing of the Nations"*

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy One at this annual time of remembrance, our thoughts turn to the violence, fear and pain of war. Today we remember and acknowledge that, even in our own lives, hatred sometimes obscures love, and violence sometimes overcomes peace. In these days of violence in the world, may we be guided during our worship this morning to work for peace in our homes, our community, our church, and our world. In the way of the Holy, may we be called to live lives of love, caring, generosity, and concern. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

"A Time of Remembering"

In Flanders Fields

Helen Cruickshank

The Last Post

Silence and Act of Remembrance

One: They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn,
at the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them.

All: we will remember them.

Reveille

Reading of Names

Placing of Poppies

Placing of Wreaths

Prayer of Remembrance: (unison)

Reg Darroch

The Sunday School

Kay Cameron and Peter Kay

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving: for the lives of our veterans and their families, past and present; for all who have given their lives for liberty and justice; for all who returned from the horrors of war and all who served on our own shores; for all who stayed behind and waited and wrote letters and prayed; and for all who worked then as today, to heal physical, mental, and spiritual wounds. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving. May we ever remember. May we be guided by the light of God to paths of peace and justice.

May our faith be renewed, trusting that we are not alone. Amen

HYMN: MV # "When Hands Reach Out Beyond"

When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.

When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done,
God's dream for all shall live anew, our hearts will heal as one,
our hearts will heal, will heal as one, our hearts will heal as one,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.

When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,
And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,
For love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,
And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Robert MacLeod

Hebrew Scriptures: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 127 (VU 851)

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Rev. Jim

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Blowin' in the Wind"* – (Bob Dylan)

MESSAGE: "Lest We Forget"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LIVING WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Catherine Stone

OFFERING AND DEDICATION:

DOXOLOGY: VU # 541 *"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

In response to the gift of Jesus the Christ, we return a portion of self and the labours of our love for the work of the Spirit in the world. Accept and multiply them for the work of peace here on earth. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Shoreline Gathering Point

Jean, Mae, Lana, Doris, Lana, Will, Shelley, Everett, Claire, Lenny, Mary, Betty, Nancy, John, Andrea, Joan, David, Irene

HYMN: VU # 684 *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:

All: Peace is not the product of terror or fear. It is not the silence of cemeteries, nor is it the silence of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all for the good of all. As we remember and commit to such a life, let us go in the peace of God.

MUSIC TO TAKE US TO THE WORLD:

SOG # 128 "Let there be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, a peace that was meant to be.
With God as our creator, children all are we;
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this moment be now,
with every step I take let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Worship resources taken from:

Seasons of the Spirit, Pentecost 2, 1997, 2006

Celebrating God's Presence, pp. 537-538

Desmond Parsons, Gathering, S/A 2009, p 49



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Elder on duty this week: **Graham Fraser**

November 15: Jean Girard

Your Greeter for today is: **Irma Fraser**

Envelope Counters for today are: **Catherine Stone, Gord Russell and Kathy Jardine**

November 15: Myrna MacLeod, Ralph Arbuckle and Olive Corning

THIS WEEK AT SSJ

Sunday	Outreach Service <i>at Glen Haven Manor</i>	2:30 PM
Monday	Ladies' Crafts	1:30 PM
Monday	Noteworthy	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Miriam Unit Meeting <i>Guest Speaker: Heather Facey</i>	1:30 PM
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday	Betty's Bible Study	9:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15	Service with Masons followed by Luncheon compliments of the Masons
November 15	Board of Stewards Meeting
November 17	Session Meeting
November 29	First Sunday of Advent
November 29	Fundscrip Orders Due
November 29	Sing Joy Concert
December 6	A-Light the Spirit
December 13	White Gift Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Service

SSJ NEWS

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this day. If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book at the entrance to the sanctuary. If you are looking for a church home, please see me, or any member of the congregation and we will endeavour to make you welcome as an honoured member of our church family. May each of us sense the presence of God as we worship today.

If you know of anyone who would like or who requires a pastoral visit, please let the minister, Rev. Dr. Jim Shaffner know. He can be reached at the church office 902-752-4943.

The UCW thanks everyone for your contributions to our Fall Fair. There was a tremendous effort to make the day memorable. **\$7500** was raised for the benefit of our church! 😊

Scripture readings for November 15, 2015 are: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

The last **Fundscrip order** will be placed on **Sunday, November 29th** with the gift cards being distributed on **Sunday, December 6th**. You can bring the orders and give them to Guy on Sundays or drop them off at the office.

The members of the **Miriam Unit** are still collecting:

- ❖ New underwear of all sizes for both genders
- ❖ Purple knitted hats in support of awareness for Shaken Baby Syndrome

The Pictou Presbytery is selling **Just Us Breaking the Silence coffee**. 2 lb for \$25, 12 oz for \$11 and decaffe 2 lb for \$30. Proceeds to the M&S fund. If interested contact Marie MacLeod @ 902-752-9235.

“OF NOTE THIS WEEK”

November 11 – Armistice Day/Remembrance Day/Veterans’ Day

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the armistice – laying down of arms – was signed to end the First World War. Many nations continue to call this Armistice Day, while others name it Remembrance, recalling the sacrifice made by men and women in both World War I – “the war to end all wars” – and the many wars that have and continue to take place.

In many countries around the world, people observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. on November 11, and people will contemplate horrors of war and the desire for peace.

Churches in Canada and the UK often observe the Sunday prior to November 11 as Remembrance Sunday with special prayers, hymns, and commemorations of those who were involved in war, and prayers for ways to work for peace.

November 12 – Baha’u’llah’s Birthday (Baha’i)

The birthday of the founder of the Baha’i faith is often observed with prayers, feasts, and community activities. Baha’u’llah was born in Nur, Persia, in 1817.