Hillcrest United Church
55th Anniversary

Sunday October 25, 2026
Peace Sunday

1971 – 2026

Ministers: All of Us
Clergy: Rev. Timothy Wisnicki BSc. MDiv.
Guest Minister: Rev. Kevin Dingwell
Director of Music: Anne White

Bulletins are in loving memory of

Connie & Bud Ings

From Jayne and Miranda

Sunday, October 25, 2026

** Congregation read the **Bold** print **

Green liturgical colours are the most prevalent colour in our tradition – it includes all ordinary times.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "My Lord, What a Morning" arr. Cindy Berry
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Mark Hayes

Processional Hymn "Pass It Along"

Words by Rev. Lorna MacQueen and Anne White

REFRAIN: Pass it along! Pass it along!
God's great glory in story and song!
Pass it along! Pass it along!
Tell somebody and pass it along!

1) Tell the story of Hillcrest brought from Valleyfield Road,
   Fifty four great years, we've been praising here.
   Sharing each other's load! ***R***
2) Singing now with Thanksgiving for lives lived here in grace,
   Love and faithfulness, in true tenderness
   Giving hope to this place. ***R***
3) Fathers, mothers, and children, shared with us of God's Reign
   And so now we pray, stay with us today,
   God be with us again. ***R***
4) As we worship each Sunday, won't you join us each week?
   Hope you come along, join in word and song?
   Love in living we seek. ***R***
5) Tell the story of Hillcrest crossing bridges and hills,
   Not just buildings, but people moving on,
   Living, seeking God's will. ***R***

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Felix MacDonald

Combined Choir Anthem: "Gonna Be a Great Day"
by Williams and Martin

Call to Worship

Praise God for the doors of our church:
Doors that swing wide for friend and stranger.
Praise God for the walls of our church:
Walls that resound with joyful song.
Praise God for the grounds of our church:
Field and garden that honour the beauty of creation.
Praise God for the roof of our church:
A roof that protects us, like God's sheltering wings.
Praise God for the windows of our church:
A rainbow of colour, telling the story of Christ's love.
Most of all, praise God for the people of our church:
People past, present, and yet to come: everyday saints who answer God's call.
Today we praise God for 55 years as Hillcrest United Church.
Rejoice! Hallelujah! Happy birthday!

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Living God, Ancient of Days, ever old and ever new: a thousand years in your sight are like a passing evening. Your purposes are bigger than our lives could span, even in a hundred generations. Yet you have come into our world, in this here and now, to make us part of that great story. We thank you today for 55 years of ministry in this place. Thank you for the witness of our founding congregations, and for the vision of those who saw a new and united people, shining like a city on a hill. Let your Holy Spirit be around, upon, and within us today. Give us joy for this milestone and a renewed purpose for a future which is in your hands. We pray as Jesus

taught: **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.**

The Story of Hillcrest – *Dannie MacKinnon*

Youth Choir Anthem - "Discipleship" by Lois Brokering

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Good News

We celebrate you, in all that you do,
We love you; God bless you.
We celebrate you.

Passing of the Peace

(Children may go to Sunday School.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination *Reader: Marjory Tattrie*
Lord, as you inspired our ancestors in faith, inspire us again in the hearing of your Word, so that we may find and follow the road you have laid before us. Amen.

Scripture Readings
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90 (VU # 805, parts 1&3)
Matthew 22:34-46

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Senior Choir Anthem "Rockin' The Boat"
Jean Anne Shafferman

Sermon *Rev. Kevin Dingwell*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn VU # 663 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication VU # 533
God, guide this church in liturgy and song
In faith and love, may we in hope be strong,
And witness to the truth in every tongue,
Hallelujah!

Offering Prayer

Special Music *by Sibbick Sibling Singers*
"For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter
piano by Sara White

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU # 232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 586 verse 1
We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted:
We'll dream our dreams of hearts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within a vision of new life - - - in Christ.

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Martin Luther arr. Caudill and Nelson
Piano/Organ duet by Sara and Anne

We extend a warm welcome to guests visiting with us today.
Please join us for coffee and cake after church.

The bible placed on the Communion Table this week is in loving memory of Parents Esther & Martin Campbell from Joanie, Carol, Judy, Sadie, Dianne, Darlene, Ronnie, Kathy, & Gail

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours are Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon.
Clergy Visiting - Please let the office know if anyone in hospital, long-term care or at home requires a visit. If you are requiring *Pastoral Care,* please call Timothy at the office or 902-330-8795 or minister_hillcrest@outlook.com
Puzzle Exchange – check out the beautiful puzzles on our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.
Lost & Found – the box is overflowing – please take a look to see if you have left something behind – it is probably there. It is located at the front of the church, pulpit side.
P.A.R. – if you would like to switch to PAR or need envelopes, let Nancy/office know.
Fundscrip Fundraiser – the office has gift cards available for the gas stations and grocery stores in Montague and a few other stores for purchase. Fundscrip donates a percentage of each sale back to the church. Drop into the office if you have questions or to purchase cards.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

-thanks to the Rev. Timothy, Rev. Kevin, Anne & Sara, Dannie, our readers and all who made our 55th Anniversary service so very special
-thanks to all our singers – Senior and Youth Choirs and Sibbick Family – for their special music today
-thank you to all who helped with the community luncheon this week

-thanks to William van Schuppen for the beautiful flowers in our sanctuary this fall

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Today

12:30 pm – Bible Study on the Book of Genesis continues in the Shaffelburg Room

Wednesday

Manor Service will be held at 11 am – all welcome to join in this service

Bridge group – New and experienced players welcome from 2-4 pm. For more information call Sandra at 388-8844

Senior Choir invites you to join this great group each Wed at 7 pm. Call Anne 838-2681 or just come along.

Thursday

Men's Meditation Group meets in the Shaffelburg Room at 9:30 for a time of contemplative conversation. All welcome.

Friday

Knitting/Craft Group – all welcome with your knitting, crocheting, sewing or other crafts at 10:00 or just come along for some friendship, coffee and conversation.

Sunday

Youth Choir Practice – at 10:00. New youth are most welcome to join. Contact Anne 838-2681 or just join us.

Bible Study at 12:30 pm, on the Book of Genesis, continues in the Shaffelburg Room

UPCOMING

Fiddlers' Sons Fundraising Concert will be held at St. Andrew's UC, Vernon Bridge this afternoon at 2:00 pm.

Manor Service will be held at 11 am on Wed, Oct 28th – all welcome to join in this service and visit with some folks at the Manor in doing so.

Congregational Care Meeting – Wed. Nov. 4 at 9:30 am

Hillcrest's Annual Takeout Turkey or Ham Supper – Fri, Nov 6th with pickup between 4 and 6 pm. Please order ahead by calling Nancy at the office 838-2698, Margie at 969-4788 or Elizabeth at

838-2203 (Cost is $25) This is full course meal with roll and dessert along with turkey or ham and all the "fixins". A caller will contact you as we organize desserts, rolls and other needed supplies – thank you for contributing to our annual full church event. Volunteers are invited to the Peeling Party Thurs (Nov 5) at 9:30 am and on Friday – sign up sheets will be available soon – Thank you!

Winsloe United Sings – Gospel – Ragtime – Remembrance – with special guests Courtney Hogan-Chandler (violin), Kristyn Visser-Perkin (flute) and Bob Acorn (sax) on Sun. Nov 8 at 2 pm. Free will offering. There will be a refreshment break.

Stewards & Trustees meeting – November 12 @ 7 pm

UCC PEI Cluster Youth Peace Series will be held on Sun. Nov. 8 from 4-6:30 at 65 Kirkwood Drive, Ch'Town.

UCC PEI Cluster would love you to join them at Central Queens, Hunter River, on Wed. Nov. 18 at 9:30.with the topic being "Toward 2035 – What? Now What?" For more information on this gathering day contact Kathryn_bigsby@hotmail.com. Deadline to register is Nov. 13.

Camp Abby Puzzle and Book Fundraiser will be held at N. Bedeque UC on Nov. 28 from 9-noon. All proceeds go to Camp Abby.

Three Rivers Ladies Coffee Break – is happening on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 Montague Christian Church at 513 Main Street, Montague. This is a 'safe space to explore faith and spirituality with women of all ages and walks of life'. Childcare is available for ages five and under. Any questions contact Marnie at 902-313-0286

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