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Twenty First after Pentecost – November 2, 2025

All Saint's Day Sunday

10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude
Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church
We Approach God

*Moving from the busy world – entering sacred space,
giving our time and energy to God.*

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

We sojourn on this land with those who are hooved and those with pads. We drink these waters with those who have feathers and those who have scales. We live here with those who came before us, and those who will come after us. Although we cannot change the past, and the wrongs Settler peoples and ways have done to Indigenous peoples and ways; Although we cannot reverse the industrial revolution and pollution of the world; we can be committed to a better present, and better future. This is Earth. This is gaia. This is Turtle Island. This is Mnidoo Mnising, Spirit Island, Manitoulin. This is home to Anishinaabe and immigrants, settlers and Metis.

This is home to animals and plants and more seen and unseen.

Because God calls us to be stewards, not conquerors,
let us walk more humbly and softly with our neighbours.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Today we are honouring and praying for the "everyday saints" in our lives, the special people who have made a positive impact and helped us grow in a way we might not otherwise have grown. They have helped us through adversity and adventure, through celebration and challenge. These people have been a light in the world, just as Jesus is the light of the world. As we light the Christ candle today, we remember these saints in gratitude. (+1)

(The Christ candle is lit)

2.

Honoring our Saints

You are invited to light a candle in honour of those you are missing.

Call to Worship

One: Let us remember

All: those throughout history who have led in praising God and spreading too news.

One: Let us remember:

All: the warm embrace of loved ones, those who have comforted us over time, those who have acted bravely in times of despair and devastation.

One: Let us remember:

All: the strength and love of elders, the last presence of our friends, the kindness of strangers, the laughter of children, and the unconditional love of all who have offered it.

One: On this All Saints' Day, let us remember:

All: the love of Jesus, the wonder of the Holy Spirit, and the abiding presence of God our Source.

One: Let us remember as we worship today. (+2)

Invocation *(together)*

Dear God, we praise you for the lives of all the wonderful people we honour today. We ask you help us to follow their good examples, avoid their mistakes, and to pass on their stories. May our worship today be attuned to the spirits around us. Amen.

**** Opening Hymn:** *"Faith of Our Fathers"* **VU 580**

Learning Time for all:

**The scary side, the happy side,
and the wistful side of Halloween**



Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION **MV 214**

***May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.***

3.

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 1: 11-23 (*The Hope to which you are called.*)

Luke 6: 20-31 (*Blessings and Woes.*)

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts.

Sermon: *It's Halloween - (All Hallow's Eve)*

***Learning Hymn** *"Blest Are They"* **VU 896**

Minute for Mission – Your Generosity Matters. *Nov. 2, 2025*

Faith, Farming and Friendship

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Remembering the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, grateful that God calls us to share the joy of spreading Divine love, knowing that what we offer makes a difference in the healing of the world, let us bring our gifts and selves to God. (+3)

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:** (*VU 538*)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Prayer of Commitment (*unison*)

**O God, bless these offerings, bless us, and bless this community
as we seek to serve you in all the places life calls us to be.**

Amen. (+3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God,

scripture tells us we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, saints, our ancestors. Please grant us the reassurance they are here, with us, supporting us, hoping the best for us, loving us as we love them, and when it is our time to step across the veil between life and death –

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they are there to gather us in their loving arms
and guide us to our home with you.

Holy God,

scripture tells us we have an inheritance among the saints.

No only in heaven, but here on earth, now, we live in your realm
and can choose love over hate, mercy over punishment,
community over isolation, and hope over despair.

We pray today for us, and all the globe, as we struggle to live into
the blessed community now.

We pray for every person, every creature, all creation of Jamaica.
Let your blessings flow there, and let us be a help however we can.
We pray for every person, every creature, all creation in Gaza. Let
peace come there, and let us be in solidarity with all peace
seekers.

We pray for every person, every creature, all creation in Ukraine.
Softened hearts and let war end, Lord. Help us be the people
who love our enemies and choose to end wars.

We pray for the saints we have named today, and the saints we
have not. We pray for the people who we miss, and the people we
do not. We pray that all may know your love - all may be in your
light - and peace may be known by all.

We pray too for ***(personal prayers)***

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray

.....**"Our Mother/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, and the power and the glory
forever and ever."** AMEN

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn: *"When The Saints' Go Marching In"*

5.

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

In your sinfulness, you are still a saint. You have the power to do good and you choose to do it. That is saintly.

In your poverty, you are still rich. You have a community of love and the realm of love is your own. In your sorrow, you still have joy. Life, and people, are mixed bags.

So may you go out and love because you are loved. Forgive because you are forgiven. And rejoice in the Spirit because the Spirit rejoices in you. Amen! **- Light is extinguished.**

Choral Benediction: ***VU 424***

1. May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

***Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful with we hear Christ's call.***

2. May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. ***Refrain.***

Go now in the peace of Christ!



Moving from the This sacred space, taking God's love and energy back into the busy world to love and serve our neighbours

Sources Resourced (used with permission)

(+1) – Anne Mattewson, *Gathering page 45-46, Pentecost 2, 2025*

(+2) – Revised from Tony Tuck, *Gathering Pentecost 2, 2025, page 46*

(+3) - Revised from Bob Root, *Gathering Pentecost 2, 2025, page 46*

Welcome to Worship With Little Current Pastoral Charge



**Twenty-first after Pentecost
& All Saints' Day** (Nov. 1, 2025)

November 2, 2025

Hymns for November 2, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 VU 580 Faith of Our Fathers

1. Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.
3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark.
The cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.
4. Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follows you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

#2 896 VU "Blest Are They"

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.
Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R**

3. Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart
they shall see God. **R**
4. Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **R**
5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

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#3. From African American Heritage Hymnal (words - TheHymnary.org)

When the Saints Go Marching In

1. O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when the saints go marching in.
2. And when the sun begins to shine,
and when the sun begins to shine,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when the sun begins to shine.
3. When they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord I want to be in that number,
when they crown him lord of all.