Remembrance Sunday

November 8, 2026, 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning. For more information about the life of FBCH, visit our website: fbchalifax.ca or like us on social media.

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Prelude **William Acken, Organ**

Meditation on "O God, our Help in Ages Past"

Welcome **Hillary Raley**

If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Ringing of the Trinity

We Gather in the presence of God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit

***O Canada**

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

***Laying of the Wreath**

***Processional Hymn (next page)**

**Stand as you are able*

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Call to Worship ???**

Following Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God," we commit ourselves to work in faith so that all nations may live in freedom, justice, and peace.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

We pray for all those whose lives war has destroyed and those who suffer still in anguish, disability, or pain. We remember with gratitude and sorrow those whose lives have been given and taken away.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Let us remember those who, at great risk, devote themselves to the care and reconstruction of lives and countries, seeking to bring peace and stability to war torn countries and let us pray for their safe return.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you this broken world; you are the source of life and hope. For our world, our nation, and our leaders, we pray for wisdom, compassion, and commitment to justice and peace.

***Prayer of Approach:**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. In the silence of these moments, O God, we remember before you those who have served and continue to serve in war and in peacekeeping missions. Amen.

***Last Post Sarah Hope, Trumpet**

***Two Minutes of Silence**

***Reveille**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 ???

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5:13 '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 hidden. 15No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven.

Children's Hymn



This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008 — THEMBA AMEN
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008 — 4.4.9
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Children's Story — Rusty Edwards

*Blessing of the Children

Beloved children of our church family: may God's Spirit be with you as you enter into the stories of our faith; may your imaginations be opened to encounter God's love for you and all the world; and may you be formed to care for others as you discover the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.
Today's formation activities: Godly Play Story and Response

*Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Donations

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Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-8; 3:17-19

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1:1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
2 O Eternal, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
4 So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

2:1 I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what The Eternal will say to me
and what God will answer concerning my complaint.
2 Then The Eternal answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
4 Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.
5 Moreover, wealth is treacherous;
the arrogant do not endure.
They open their throats wide as Sheol;
like Death they never have enough.
They gather all nations for themselves
and collect all peoples as their own.
6 Shall not everyone taunt such people and, with mocking riddles, say about them,
"Alas for you who heap up what is not your own!"
How long will you load yourselves with goods taken in pledge?
7 Will not your own creditors suddenly rise
and those who make you tremble wake up?
Then you will be plunder for them.

[8]Because you have plundered many nations,
all who survive of the peoples shall plunder you—
because of human bloodshed and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who live in them.

[3:17]Though the fig tree does not blossom
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
[18]yet I will rejoice in The Eternal;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
[19]God, The Eternal, is my strength;
God makes my feet like the feet of a deer
and makes me tread upon the heights.

Spoken Reflection **Rusty Edwards**

A Time for "Yet"

Anthem **Sr. Choir**

Abide with Me -arr. Moses Hogan

Prayers Of the People **????**

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Recessional Hymn (next page)**

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us 436



By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.

TEXT: John J. Moment, 1933, alt.
MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner,* 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant,* 1808

O QUANTA QUALIA
11.11.11.11

Benediction **Rusty Edwards**

Amen

Duet Postlude: Sarah Hope, Trumpet & Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ
Aria con Variazioni -G. F. Handel

The Week Ahead at FBCH

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Sunday, November 8th
Remembrance Day
10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary
12:00pm - Creation Care Team Meeting; Community Room

Wednesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day
Office is closed for Remembrance Day
Resume Office Hours Thursday, November 12th

Thursday, November 12th
7:00pm - Choir Practice; Sanctuary

Sunday, November 15th
10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary
12:00pm - University Lunch; Parlour

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