

WELCOME TO IONA

We are pleased to gather together for worship today. Join us after the service for fellowship time. If you wish more information on our congregation, please speak to the duty elder or the minister.

Pastoral information cards are located in the front of the hymn books.

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We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for healing and reconciliation. We offer thanks for their stewardship of this good earth!

March 9, 2025, 10:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

Greeting Elder: Kerrilee York

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please stand, if able, as the worship leader enters and then be seated.)

Prelude: (Time for prayer and silent reflection)

Greeting: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministry of God's People

APPROACH TO THE WORD

***Choral Introit 625:** "Seek ye first"

Note: instead of "Allelu, alleluia", we'll sing "Kyrie eleison"

***Call to Worship:** *Please see insert*

***Hymn 196:** "Throughout these Lenten days and nights"

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

L: Holy and merciful God,
you are our refuge and strength.
We rejoice in your grace and love
which has called creation into being,
and makes all life complete.
We praise you for Jesus Christ
who reveals your loving purposes for all people.
In his face we glimpse your love;
in his life we see the pattern for our lives.
We bless you for the Holy Spirit
who guides us and strengthens us,
drawing us into the embrace of your tender love.
And so we praise you, O God,
our eternal, creating father who loves us with motherly care,
united with Christ, our saviour,
and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
Three in One, now and always.

**All: Most merciful God,
we come before you in this time of turning inward,
ever mindful that we are only human,
creatures of dust that shall return to dust.
Sometimes we turn away from your call
so as to put food on our tables.
Sometimes we are drawn in by earthly accolades
and forget the importance of serving you.
Sometimes we are tempted to bargain with you,
to hold out for wonders and miracles
instead of simply listening for you in the silence.
Send your Spirit to breathe life into us once again,
to awaken us from the realm of mere survival
and inspire us to seek your Way in all we do.**

Assurance of Pardon

*** Children's hymn 201:** "We come to ask your forgiveness"

*** Children's Time**

Children may go to Sunday School

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

*** Hymn:** "When we are tested" (please see insert)

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith* 3.3 ("Jesus Christ: Truly Human")

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) (831)

***Hymn 315:** "A mighty fortress is our God"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

*** Please stand if able**

Large print hymnbooks are available on the table at the back of

the sanctuary.

03/09/2025

Thank you to **Tamsin Moynihan-Robson** for leading the service this morning. Join us for coffee after the service hosted by **Mary Martha** this week and next week.

This Week at Iona (March 9th – March 15th):

- **March 12th** - 9:30 - 11:30 - Wed Morning coffee and crafts group meeting at church. Bring your projects and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee while you work.
- **March 12th** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Next Week at Iona (March 16th – March 22nd):

- **March 19th** - 9:30 - 11:30 - Wed Morning coffee and crafts group meeting at church. Bring your projects and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee while you work.
- **March 19th** - 1:30-3:00 pm – Bible study

Announcements:

- There are new books in the “book box” in the narthex. Have a look and help yourself to what may interest you.
- Blood Pressure Clinic this Sunday after Church. It is to be held in the office off the narthex. Everyone welcome.
- **Talents and Treasurers Auction**
March 29/2025, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Tea Coffee and Dessert is served first at 2:00 pm
Session invites you to offer your talents and treasures, that they may be multiplied in support of Iona. You may offer any talent, service or item to be auctioned. Previous items have included; the use of a cottage or truck, snow plowing or gardening advice, financial services, scenic drives, dinners, baked goods, candy, gift baskets, gift items, lessons and crafts. As well we are blessed with gifted painters. Whatever talents or gifts the Lord has blessed you with, please share them with Iona.
- All committees and groups are asked to submit their Annual reports for 2024 to Victoria for March 9, 2025. The Annual meeting will be held May 4, 2025, following the service.
- Clan Donald is having a Ceilidh at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall on Thursday, March 13 at 7pm. Admission is a donation to the Foodbank. All are welcome.