

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!

May 24, 2026, 10:00 am:

Pentecost Sunday

Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

Greeting Elder: Debbie Bourque

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 383:** "Come, holy spirit / Veni Sancte Spiritus"

***Call to Worship:**

(in English, Acadian French, Scots Gaelic, and Mi'kmawis'uti)

**God pours out their spirit upon all flesh,
and the power of creation transcends human language.
So let us listen for truth in the words of the Other,
and reveal God's love to our neighbours' understanding.
Amen! Together, we will set the world right.**

***Hymn:** "God's spirit came at Pentecost" *(please see insert)*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

O God whose Name is beyond human speech:
At first your shadow fell over the *tohu va-vohu*,
your very breath wafting over welter and waste.
You conjured up *wksitqamu*, the Earth,
and called *ha-or*, *wasoqn*, Light into being;
you who are both Presence and Process of Creation.
You planted gardens and forests for your people;
a tree of life, a tree of knowledge, a tree that split
that our neighbours too might be part of this wondrous world.
You breathed into our nostrils *ha-ruach*, the breath of life;
you hide us under *kijjaqamij*, the shadow of your wings;
throughout time, your Spirit has worked in this world
in ways we have not seen, nor known, nor dared to imagine.
Yet finally, on the day of Pentecost, You made Her presence felt,
letting all people hear of your goodness in their own languages,
for no single tongue can truly describe the vastness that is You.
Blessing, honour, glory, and infinite possibility
be unto you, O God, Source, and Ground of Being,
known by many names and in many guises,
yet one Reality, now and forever.

**O God, you gave us language to name this world's many wonders,
yet so often a single misplaced word has led to chaos and disaster.
And though your gift of speech brings us together as family,
we confess that still we misspeak, or use words in ways that wound.
Forgive us, Lord, and help us to speak the good we mean to do;
let us hear your call in our neighbour's voice, and so to understand.**

Words of Assurance

Teaching hymn: "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" *(please see insert)*

HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Numbers 11:24–30 ("Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!")

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24–35 ("O Lord, how manifold are your works!")

Gloria Patri (sung# 594)

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21 (The arrival of the Holy Spirit)

Gospel: John 7:37–39 (Rivers of living water)

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

***Hymn 727:** "Let there be light"

Sermon

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Invitation to the Offering

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering followed by The Doxology (sung # 830)

Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith 4.3, "The Holy Spirit Forms and Equips the Church"*Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

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

***Hymn:** "God's spirit is here" (*please see insert*)

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

*** Please stand if able**

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

Join us for coffee after the service—hosted by **Operations** this week and by **Session** next week.

Announcements:

- **St Andrew's Presbyterian Ladies Guild Afternoon Tea Box Sale**
\$12.00 Sandwiches and Sweets
EAT IN OR TAKE OUT
COFFEE AND TEA AVAILABLE
PREORDER BY MAY 30
dmcboom54@outlook.com
902-930-5610
PICK UP JUNE 6TH 11:30 to 1:00pm
216 School St, Dartmouth
Cash payment due on pick up

- **Hospitality & Community Life**

It is now time to compile our list of graduates for 2026. If you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School or a post-secondary institution, please let us know. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. We need to have some information on each student by June 14th, 2026, to honour them on Graduate Sunday, June 21st

- Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, May 27, and will then be on hiatus until further notice.
- The coffee group meets every Wednesday at 9:30.