WELCOME TO IONA

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!



November 1, 2026
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day, Memorial Sunday
Ministry Candidate: Tamsin Moynihan-Robson
Music Ministry: Cathy Lee Holmes
Greeting Elder: Debbie Bourque

*(*Indicates please stand as able)*
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 – Iona Memorials

APPROACH TO THE WORD

***Choral Introit:** "The church is wherever God's people" **#484**

***Call to Worship**:

Let us trust that our Redeemer lives,
and he will stand on earth at last.
As we recall the many who have left this life,
let us commend them to the living God.
So let us marvel at a God who changes everything,
and calls us to be resurrection's children.

***Hymn:** "For all the saints" *(verses 1-2, 4, 6-8)* **# 611**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of our ancestors, God of our friends:
you journey with us through every stage of our lives,
and you offer hope for that which is yet to be.
So let us join our hearts with those who have gone before us,
those whom we still cherish in this life,
and those whom we love but see no longer,
knowing that we are part of one great family of saints
who have known your goodness in many ways,
many times, and many places.
And so we praise you, Creator and Sustainer,
who sent your Son to reveal your love on earth,
one God, now and forever.

O God, today we remember the many steadfast souls
who touched many lives before going forth to you.
Yet we confess the fear that we may not fill their shoes,
and the worry that our works are not enough.
Forgive us, and remind us that we live in your grace,
and that your love guides us to do what must be done.

Words of Assurance

***Teaching hymn:** "For all the saints who've shown your love" See insert

HEARING THE WORD



First Reading: Joshua 3:7–17 (Crossing over the Jordan)
Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37 ("Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good")
Gloria Patri **# 594**
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13 (Paul's labour and toil)
Gospel: Matthew 23:1–12 (The scribes' heavy burdens)

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

***Hymn:** "Shall we gather at the river" **# 797**
Sermon
Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering*
***The Doxology** **# 830**
***Affirmation of Faith:** *Living Faith* **10.1 and 10.5, "**Our Hope in God"
***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
***Hymn:** "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer" **# 651**

***Commissioning and Benediction**
***Choral Amen**
Postlude
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***Offerings may also be given by e-transfer to ionapc@eastlink.ca or by pre-authorized monthly deduction. Contact Perry Mason (902-499-0095).*

We are glad you have gathered to worship with us this morning
Everyone is invited to join us after the service for coffee,
hosted this week and next week by **Guild**.



Announcements:

- **SESSION** meeting Monday, Nov. 2nd at 2:30 pm at Iona.
- **Iona AMS** will meet Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, 2026, at 1:30 pm. The word for roll call is 'compassion', 'sympathy' or 'pity'. Subscription for *The Presbyterian Message* is due ($15.00).
- **The Wednesday craft group** meets weekly at 9:30am,
- **FLU SHOT CLINIC** Saturday, Nov. 14th, 9am – 1pm at Iona. For an appointment call Christine at 902-434-9682 or email c-ba@live.ca. Just bring your MSI (health) card. All are welcome!
- **TAKE-AWAY TEA** Sat, Nov. 28th 11:30am–1:00pm. Preorder Tea by Nov 23, $12 ea**.** Bake table, New to You and Knitting tables!!
- **CHRISTMAS CAROL SING** Friday, Dec .4th at 6:30-7:30 pm. Sing favourite Carols, enjoy Cider & Cookies. Donation at the door for the East Dartmouth Christian Food Bank.
- **FINANCIAL STATUS**. *(as of Sept.30, 2026)*
  Receipts for our use: 63953.18 Disbursements 67209.25
  Current Deficit: 3256.07

"For all the saints who've shown your love"

For all the saints who've shown your love
In how they live and where they move,
In whom they care for, counsel, or visit now and then;
Accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who've loved your name,
Whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
Who've sung your songs in chapel or city street or glen;
Accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who've named your will,
And shown the kingdom coming still,
Who've read the signs and marked them in rhythm, paint or pen;
Accept our gratitude again.

Bless all whose will or name or love
Reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though such as these may never be praised by earthly powers,
Your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

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