

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!



October 25, 2026

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

Ministry Candidate: Tamsin Moynihan-Robson

Music Ministry: Cathy Lee Holmes

Greeting Elder: Irene Rose

*(*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

APPROACH TO THE WORD

***Choral Introit:** He became poor that we may be rich,
loving the world and leaving his throne,
King of all kings and Lord of all lords,
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.

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***Call to Worship:**

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim God's handiwork.
The daylight exults with God's self-giving;
the dark of night whispers God's mercy.
God lives to create, and God's law is love;
Let us praise our Maker and Sustainer.

***Hymn:** "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing"

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God whose compassion will never let us go:
You call us to love you, for you are the source of love;
You call us to love our neighbour, for in them you are present;
and you remind us of our own belovedness,
we who are your precious children.
While you have spoken through the prophets,
and sent many to guide us in your Way,
we recall that it is on this great and glorious love
that all your will for us depends.
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, you remind us that love is our greatest calling.
Yet we confess that we often forget our own belovedness,
or let our worries eclipse the sight of you in our neighbour.
Forgive us, and remind us that all love points to you,
and that each human being reflects your likeness. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

***Teaching hymn:** "O God, our help in ages past"

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HEARING THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (The death of Moses)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 (You have been our dwelling place)

Gloria Patri

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Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 (Paul's ministry there)

Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46 (The greatest commandment)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn:** "O Spirit come, our hearts inspire"

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Sermon

Music for Reflection

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering*

*The Doxology

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*Affirmation of Faith: *Living Faith* 7.1.1 and 7.1.6, "The Church"

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*Hymn: "Joyful, joyful we adore you"

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*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 **Worship and Education**.



Announcements:

- The **Food Bank** thanks all of you who donated so much produce at Thanksgiving! Thank you for your generosity! You have made a difference in so many people's lives! God bless each one of you.
- **SOUP LUNCHEON** today after the service, hosted by Hospitality & Community Life. Come enjoy great soup and fellowship!
- **Let's go out for Lunch!** Tues, Oct. 27th at 12:00 pm at the Palladium Family Restaurant (942 Cole Harbour Road) Sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Nancy at 902-462-5674.
- **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–1pm. 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