

Worship Planner for Sunday, October 18, 2026

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

[Lucknow- Lighting Christ Candle]

Responsive Call to Worship

Let us sing to the Lord a new song.

We will bless God's name from day to day.

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

We will bring God honour and glory

as we worship God's holy name.

Opening Hymn #422 Sing a new song unto the Lord

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

Holy God; your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe, yet you draw near to us in Christ Jesus. In him, you walk beside us, guide us with wisdom, and love us with boundless grace. We praise you that your love embraces the whole creation.

Your Spirit gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit; we are humbled in your presence. In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty. *Hear us now as we confess our sins:*

Patient God; we confess we need Your mercy.

We claim to be Your people, but we forget to love as You do.

We claim to seek Your guidance, but we follow our own ways.

Forgive us, O God, amend who we are

and direct who You would have us be

for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend,

Who taught us to pray together,

Our Father, 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God knows us and still God loves us.

This is good news!

By God's grace, we are forgiven,

loved, and set free to start again.

Thanks be to God!

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer for Illumination

God of Word and Wisdom; as we turn to the scriptures, may we hear your voice calling us to deeper faith and truer devotion. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 116

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

**Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"Lord, save me!"**

The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**The Lord protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

**Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.**

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord.

2 Samuel 7: 8-16 God's Promise to David

[The Lord said to the prophet Nathan] "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my

people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. “The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12 David's Charge to Solomon

When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

“I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: David – Succession Plan

Hymn #744 Will your anchor hold

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus reminds us to give to God
the things that are God's.

God has been so generous to us,
that truly we owe God our very lives.

Let us return to God what God has shared with us,
so that God's goodness can spread
in the world in the name of Jesus.

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance; we bring what we have to share; a portion of your goodness to us. Bless our gifts and our lives, so that generosity and justice will join hands, and your goodness will continue to touch those in need, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mission Moment

Prayers of the People

God of Truth and Wisdom; we give you thanks for all those people throughout our lives who taught us what is trustworthy and true, and shared wisdom that has shaped the way we live. We remember our favourite teachers in school and church, in college and university, in training programs, and instructional opportunities. Thank you for everyone who has the gift of teaching. Give all students, of every age and in every endeavour, a desire to learn for the sake of the world, not just for the sake of finishing a program. On this Theological Education Sunday, we pray for all who contribute to the life of learning at the seminaries of our Church; Knox College in Toronto, Presbyterian College in Montreal, and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. In these challenging times for ministry, guide all who teach, all who learn, and all who support learning to explore traditions of our faith and new technologies with wisdom and imagination. Awaken in us all the trust that you will lead us into the future you are creating, and the willingness to learn when to keep and when to cast away past practices in faithful witness. We give you thanks for all those who taught us by example; parents and grandparents, friends and neighbours, colleagues, and even strangers met by chance. Help us cherish life lessons and build on them in new situations, sharing them when we can. Keep us open to learn new things about our faith, about life, and about what you are calling us to do. We thank you for the teachings of David, Solomon, and Jesus, and the compassion they showed during difficult times. Give us patience and compassion when we are teaching something we've learned and make us good listeners, so we learn from others' experiences as well. In this time of stilling our hearts, hear us as we remember the people of influence in our lives. [Silence]. Loving God; thank you for Your eternal presence and the lives of those we remember in prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn #363 All hail the power of Jesus' name (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5)

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude