STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
November 8, 2026
Remembrance Sunday

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WELCOME to our service this morning!

PRELUDE

INTROIT *sung by the choir* **TLUS #150 (2X) "Here In This Place"**
Here in this place, the breath of God,
my soul finds repose;
holy space, the heartbeat of God,
my soul finds a home.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO by Terry Blois "Johnny I Hardly Know You"

WE GATHER TOGETHER BEFORE GOD
on traditional territory of Treaty Six Peoples and of the Métis Nation

CALL TO WORSHIP ***(Responsive)***
The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"
We come to this place, to this time,
at the invitation of Jesus Christ.
In the name of Christ,
we accept the invitation to discipleship.
In the name of Christ,
as his disciples, we worship and praise God.
In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,
we proclaim the God of Compassion.
In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,
we proclaim the God of Hope.
In the midst of indifference and apathy,
we proclaim the God of Love.
Come, let us worship together
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.
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GATHERING PRAYER
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GATHERING HYMN: MV #20 "God of Still Waiting"

Verse 1
God of still waiting, God of deep longing, God of the heart's true rest:
Hold us in fathomless peace, guard us with unwaning love.
Verse 2
Spirit of promise, Spirit of purpose, Spirit of ceaseless prayer:
Bathe us in life full and free, kindle our wonder and hope.
Verse 3
Word who comes to us, Word who lives with us, Word who disturbs and heals:
Silence our chattering fears, waken our unconscious faith.
Verse 4
Word true and faithful, hope-bringing Spirit, God of enfolding love:
Come in your fullness and grace; work through our lives for your praise.
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CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

SPUC CHOIR ANTHEM "Standing on Holy Ground"
Words and Music by Judy Pearson Hafso and Marc A. Hafso, Choral Arrangement by Marc A. Hafso

THEME TIME *Suggestion: What is Remembrance Day*

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM "O Canada"

IN FLANDERS FIELD *by LCol John McCrae*
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE *(Responsive)*
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.

LAST POST
MINUTE OF SILENCE
ROUSE

PRAYER (unison)
Eternal rest grant to them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

HYMN: VU #701 "What Does the Lord Require of You"

Verse 1
What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
Verse 2
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
Verse 3
To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.
Repeat as directed.
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
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A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF THE PROPHETS
Micah 4:1-5 Peace and Security through Obedience

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17 **Abide In Love**

SERMON by Rev. Deborah Hoekstra "Love That Knows No Bounds"

PRAYER **"Our Small Difference"**

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HYMN *(seated)* VU #356 **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"**

Verse 1:
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.
Verse 2:
Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Hallelu, hallelujah.
Verse 3:
We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Hallelu, hallelujah.

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

INVITATION *(Responsive)*

Come gather up our gifts. With joy, let us offer to our Creator a thanksgiving portion for all we have received.

As we give from our hearts, let these offerings, be blessed. Praise and thanks to God.

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OFFERTORY MV #191 *(2X)* **"What Can I Do?"**

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

Creator God, you gave us gifts and we have used them: we offer them now to you in love and wonder. Be pleased to accept our gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

SENDING HYMN: MV #82 **"Bathe Me in Your Light"**

Verse 1
Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.
Verse 2
Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release.
Verse 3
Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.
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COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

SPUC TLUS #105 ***(2X)*** **"May You Be Held"**
May you be held,
may you be held in the love,
In the love of God.
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POSTLUDE

YOUR OFFERING: Monetary gifts (cash or cheque) may be placed in one of the boxes next to the doors in the sanctuary; dropped off at the church during office hours; mailed to Stony Plain United Church, Box 3196, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1Y4; set up through PAR (pre-authorized remittance); or, by e-transfer to stewards@stonyplainunitedchurch.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 8, 2026

MEWASSIN

STONY PLAIN
TUE Nov 10/26 – 4:30pm – 5:30 pm SPUC COMMERCIAL KITCHEN WORKSHOP Annual workshop for all users of the big kitchen. We will cover equipment usage, kitchen opening and closing, equipment safety, food safety, best practices, equipment and operational changes. All are welcome.

WED. Nov 11/26 - 1:30pm UCW meeting. Each person is invited to share one Remembrance Day story. All women welcome.
SAT. NOV 21/26 10am – 12 noon UCW Muffin Cake, Bake and Craft sale. Craft and baking donations are appreciated. Please wrap and label ready for sale. Clean, clear, repurposed food rated containers can be used. **Set up is in the afternoon of Nov 20.**
PURDY'S CHOCOLATES Back by popular demand! Since 1907, Purdy's chocolates have been proudly made in Canada, with premium quality ingredients and sustainable cocoa. Get your holiday gifts for everyone and support our church. There are no-sugar & vegan options as well as treats for Hanukkah too! Join on-line at Welcome to the Purdy Fundraiser: "Christmas Chocolates for Stony Plain United Church" https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000030698.
You may submit a paper copy and leave at the church office. Place orders and pay by Thurs. Nov. 26/26 at the latest. Pickup is Dec. 13, 2026 (or earlier) at Stony Plain United Church, 5012 – 51 Ave, Stony Plain, AB 780 963-4745.
TUE. NOV 24/26 7pm COUNCIL MEETING - Meeting in Boardroom upstairs.
SUN. DEC 13/26 Please save the date - Christmas Cantata/Advent Supper event.

COMMUNITY
SAT. NOV 14/26 SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF EVENT 10 am-12 noon. Sunshine Room, Grace United Church 6215 104 Ave. The event is designed to help Grieving people understand how holidays can exacerbate and trigger Grief and gives valuable tools for helping you get through the holidays. Open to everyone. Please invite someone you know. There will be an introduction, short video and discussion. Free booklet for participants and access to the video online. Contact the Grace United Church office at grace.united@shaw.ca or 780-466-0916, or register online at Griefshare https://find.griefshare.org/events/307808
WHISPERING WATERS SERVICE – 7:15pm First Wed. each month at Whispering Waters Center.
REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES invites you to join the Friends of Rehoboth Campaign and the Building a Well Campaign. Together, these initiatives help provide safe homes, life-enriching programs, and opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to flourish in their communities. Friends of Rehoboth supports ongoing ministry and services across Alberta. Every gift helps create space for people to flourish. Become a Friend. Build a Future.
To donate, visit www.rcmflourish.ca/donate or donation materials along with the latest *Flourish* newsletters are available at the church. The digital version of the *Flourish* newsletter can be accessed through: https://rcmflourish.ca/who-we-are/flourish-newsletter/
For questions: please reach out to Linda Maki.
PASSING ON YOUR CONCERNS: If you know of anyone who would like a visit or a card, please contact the Care Committee, Rev. Deborah or the Church Office (780 963-4745) or email stonyuc@telus.net.

REV DEBORAH'S SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sun. Nov 15/26	**Rev. Deborah on holidays Rev. Sharon McRann in person**
Sun. Nov 22/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at Devon SP Presider: Darlene Nelson MEW Presider: Fran Scherlie**
Sun. Nov 29/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**
Sun. Dec.6/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**

WEEKLY & RECURRING ACTIVITIES

Wed. **7pm SP Cantata practice**

Wed. **6:15pm-7pm SP Ukulele & Choir practice**
Thurs. **10:00am-2pm SP Card Recreators**
Wed. **7:15pm First Wed. each month Whispering Waters Community Service.**

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Tue. Nov 10 **4:30pm-5:30pm SPUC Annual Commercial Kitchen workshop.**
Wed. Nov 11 **UCW SP meeting at 1:30pm**
Sat. Nov 21 **10am-12noon UCW SP Muffin Cake Bake & Craft Sales in Church**
Tue. Nov 24 **7pm SP Council Meeting in Boardroom upstairs**
Sun Dec 13 **Cantata/Advent Supper Event SP**