

**Genesis Cooperative
of the United Church of Canada
in Partnership with the
Glenqarry East Pastoral Charge**

*Consisting of the congregations of:
Alexandria, Cassburn, Dalhousie Mills, East Hawkesbury,
Kirk Hill, Pendleton, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)*

**Sunday October 10, 2021
Thanksgiving Sunday
Holy Baptism at Cassburn**



Worship Leaders Today

Trinity / Cassburn
Alexandria / Kirk Hill
Pendleton
Dalhousie Mills
East Hawkesbury

Tammy Oswick
Martin Reichart
Rev. Phyllis Dietrich
Margaret Scott
Valerie Allen

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

We Gather to Praise God

Welcome to our worship service today.

We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

♪Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

Life and Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪Sung Introit:

“Come, Let Us Sing”

VU 222

*Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
Surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.*

The Call to Worship:

Dear children of God, rejoice and be glad!

The world is full of wonder and delight; God's creation
echoes with joy.

When life seems to become a nightmare, God can fill us with
dreams of hope and courage.

By God's grace, our seeds of sorrow can yield a bumper
crop of thanksgiving.

By God's love, our flood of tears become fountains of grace.

God does wonderful things. We rejoice and give thanks.

🎵Hymn: *“Come, You Thankful People, Come”* VU 516

The Opening Prayer:

Reader: Hot showers in the morning, and cool breezes in the evening; work that provides for our families, and abundance that makes us generous; funny jokes told by third graders, and the silent tears of a grandmother lost in her childhood forever.

These blessings are ours, Joy of Creation.

Reader: Teachers who patiently help us with our math, and mentors who keep us on the right paths; friends who clear off sidewalks before we waken, and employers whose hearts are greater than their profits; piano teachers who smile at our repeated mistakes, coaches who teach us (one more time) how to curl the ball into the goal.

These blessings are ours, Servant of Joy.

Reader: Dogs who bounce us awake early in the day and cats who lullaby us to sleep at night; grandfathers who teach us how to whittle and sisters who give up a date to babysit; little boys who always forget to wipe their mouths and people who always remember to say, “thank you.”

These blessings are ours, Joyous Spirit.

Reader: God in Community, Holy in One,

Thanksgiving is in every word we speak. AMEN.

Words of Affirmation:

Just as the changing seasons are part of God’s eternal cycle of life, God knows that we grow and change. God forgives us for the things we have done or have left undone. Thanks be to God. **AMEN.**

🎵Hymn: *“Seek Ye First”* VU 356

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Lessons:

Joel 2: 21 – 27 Do not fear, O soil, for God will provide.

Psalms 126 VU 850 Those who sow in tears, reap in joy.

1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Offer prayers for everyone.

Matthew 6: 25-33 Do not worry about what you will eat or drink.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵 Hymn: *“Now Thank We All Our God”* VU 236

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Invitation

The Prayer of Dedication:

As you refresh us with all your gifts, God of Joy, we offer our gifts so that others might be touched by your grace, feed on the gifts of your creation, be clothed in the graciousness of your compassion, and embraced in your loving arms. **AMEN.**

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven ... *(found at VU 959)*

🎵 Hymn: *“We Plough the Fields (and Scatter)”* VU 520

The Closing Words

♪ Sung Blessing: “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

♪ Postlude

Our Worship Ends – Our Service Begins



Announcements

† *As church, we are called to pray for each other
and for our mission in the world* †

South Mountain – Hallville Pastoral Charge
Inkerman, South Mountain, Hallville, Heckston, ON



Question of the Day:

**What is your relationship with the land
upon which you live, work and play?**

**Holy Communion will be celebrated at:
Alexandria and Kirk Hill-October 17
Dalhousie Mills - October 31
Pendleton – November 14**

**Please Note: The Genesis Office will be closed on
Thanksgiving Monday, October 11.**

Nursing Homes / Seniors' Homes Services:

**All Nursing / Seniors' Home Services
are cancelled until further notice.**

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its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast,
are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.*

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Minute for Mission

“We saw such a change in how people felt about themselves after experiencing this kind of a meal”

Most of us appreciate a well-dressed table and can afford to go out for dinner from time to time. Many of us will be sitting down to elaborate Thanksgiving dinners. Our daily experience doesn't involve standing in line for every single meal with a tray in hand.

That's why special dinners like Café Cinq-Zéro-Sept that Ottawa-based Mission & Service partner Centre 507 hosts are so important. Several times a year, the adult drop-in centre sets up a small room for a special fine-dining meal with gourmet food, decorations, and candlelight. For just two

dollars, participants have their choice of meal accompanied by full service and great company.

“We realized that people in our community struggling with poverty had to wait in line a long time for a meal. When they were served, they weren’t given any choice and felt pressured to leave so that the next person could be served. That’s why we started Café Cinq-Zéro-Sept,” says Richard LeBlanc, Centre 507’s Executive Director. “We saw such a change in how people felt about themselves after experiencing this kind of a meal that our ultimate goal is that this dining experience becomes the norm rather than the exception.”

While COVID-19 has been challenging, it has also helped the drop-in take an important step toward achieving their goal. “One of the great things that happened is that when COVID hit, we had to start a system where everyone sat down and was served,” says LeBlanc.

Centre 507 now serves 25 people at sit-down meals and provides 150 people with meals to go each day. The café has incorporated a training program where participants learn to be servers, too. “We are taking the next step toward achieving our goal. We aren’t going back to line-ups after the pandemic,” vows LeBlanc.

Thank you for giving generously through Mission & Service. Your support helps create a world where everyone has enough food AND it’s served with dignity.