



***"A People United
for Justice and Love"***



**CHRIST CHURCH
DARTMOUTH**

We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God.

We gratefully acknowledge that we are in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

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A Service of the Word

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Prelude: Lead Me, Lord

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Longing for their Lord

For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowing,

For they shall be consoled,

And the meek shall come to rule the world.

Chorus:

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord
By the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way
Be my way, be my truth
Be my life, my Lord
And lead me, Lord, today

Blessed are the merciful,
For mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their God.

Blest are they whose hunger
only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied.

Chorus:

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord

By the light of truth

To seek and to find the narrow way

Be my way, be my truth

Be my life, my Lord

And lead me, Lord, today

Blest are they who through their lifetimes

Sow the seeds of peace,

All will call them children of the Lord.

Blest are you, though persecuted

In your holy life,

For in heaven, great is your reward.

Chorus:

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord

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To seek and to find the narrow way

Be my way, be my truth

Be my life, my Lord

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



YOU'RE INVITED!

To a Screamin' Fun

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



Come and hear our Pipe Organ and listen to spooky, Halloween themed music! Dress up in your best costume and hear readings from classic tales of suspense!



CHRIST CHURCH | DARTMOUTH

OCTOBER 28th 7:00pm

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME!

50 Wentworth Street, **Dartmouth, NS**

(Site of the filming of Stephen King's **The Mist** (2017) from Netflix)

The Gathering of the Community

All stand.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

People

And also with you.

Officiant

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Chorus:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the
darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church, gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Chorus:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the
darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church, gathered today.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone.

Chorus:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the
darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church, gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Chorus:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts, shine through the
darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church, gathered today.

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Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and
minds to worship almighty
God, let us confess our sins in
penitence and faith, firmly
resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in
love and peace with our
neighbour.

People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have
sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we
have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have
not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we
humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us, that we may delight
in your will, and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant

The Lord is our light and our life.

People

O come, let us worship.

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
**let us shout for joy to the rock of
our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving
**and raise a loud shout to him with
psalms. For the Lord is a great God**

and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the
earth,
**and the heights of the hills are his
also.**

The sea is his for he made it, *
**and his hands have moulded the
dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend
the knee,

**and kneel before the Lord our
maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the
people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.

**Oh, that today you would hearken
to his voice!**

The Proclamation of the Word

(please be seated for the readings)

First Lesson:

Job 38:1-7

Today's excerpt is the beginning of God's response to Job's lament. The poet does not provide any divine answer to human suffering, but rather presents a four-chapter breathtaking description of the wonders of nature, both real and fantastic, the message being that God as creator is far beyond human questioning.

Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O Lord my God,
you are very great. You are clothed with honor
and majesty,

**wrapped in light as with a garment. You
stretch out the heavens like a tent,**

you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your
thunder they take to flight.

**They rose up to the mountains, ran down to
the valleys to the place that you appointed
for them.**

You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Jesus Christ, the source of eternal salvation, sacrificed himself for the people, and we follow him by living as servants of one another. Hebrews stresses not Jesus' victimization, but his authority as high priest and his willingness to suffer. We speak about this as the mystery of Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:10:35-45

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

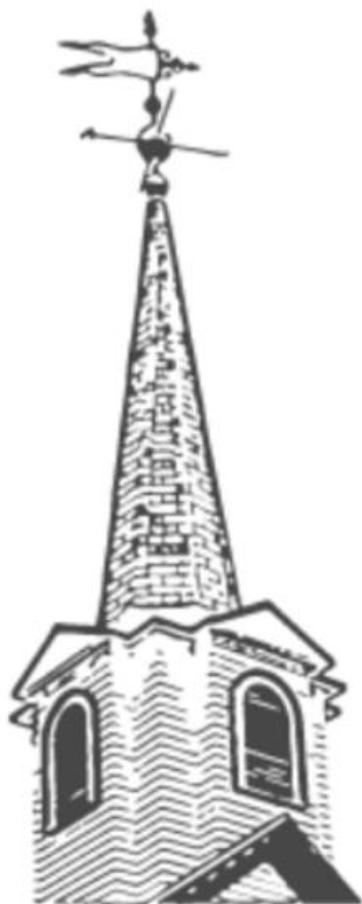
Parish Discussion Exercise



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Discerning God's Call

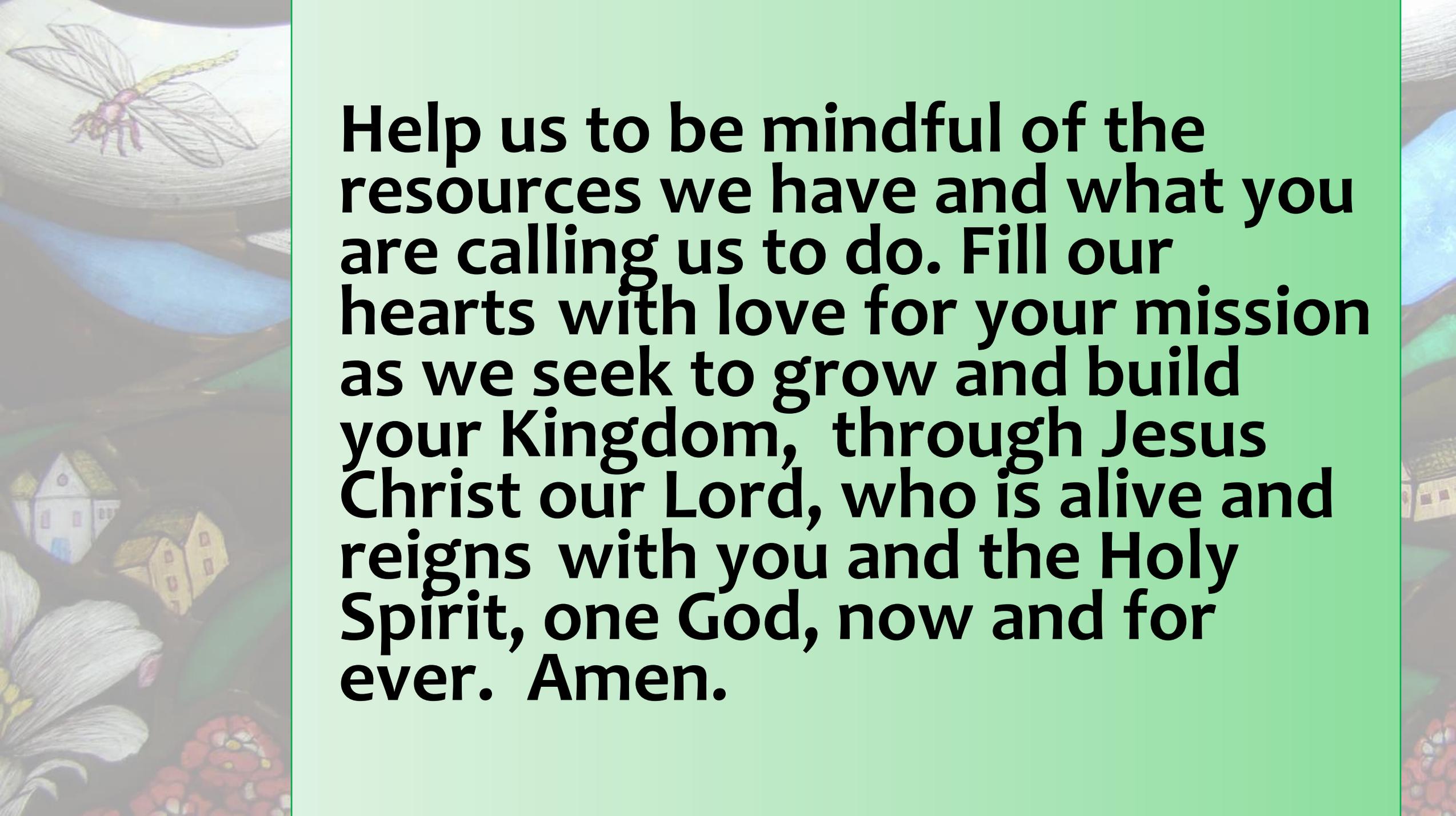


CHRIST CHURCH DARTMOUTH

An Inclusive Church Welcoming Everyone.

Our Collect for Visioning:

O God, draw us together as a community that seeks understanding. As followers of Christ, we are guided by your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your vision. Assist us as we reflect on who we are as a church.

A vibrant, artistic illustration serves as the background. In the upper left, a dragonfly with a yellow body and purple wings is shown in flight. Below it, a blue river flows through a landscape. In the lower left, there are several small, colorful houses with yellow roofs and red walls. In the bottom left corner, a large white flower with yellow centers is visible. The overall style is whimsical and colorful.

Help us to be mindful of the resources we have and what you are calling us to do. Fill our hearts with love for your mission as we seek to grow and build your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This Week's Topic:

**Discerning the future of our
Campus facilities**

Vision Statement:

We are called to be a radically inclusive, just, and loving community that seeks to love our neighbour through prayer, worship, action, and advocacy.

Mission Statement:

Sitting on the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people, Christ Church exercises its ministry within Downtown Dartmouth and the world through:

Mission Statement:

Worship and Community: Worshiping in the Anglican tradition, we are bound by unity and diversity as a center of worship and activity for all. Our ways of praising God and Jesus Christ are varied, dynamic, and experiences rooted in excellence to inspire, engage, and enrich our spiritual lives.

Personal and Spiritual Development: As an affirming community, we are made to connect, respecting the dignity of every person. Through Christian education, small groups, prayer, discernment, we build up spiritual lives. We seek to equip people for all stages of life: both young and old, to engage joy and challenge in a meaningful and positive way.

Mission Statement:

Standing for Justice: Through Christian service, advocacy, and political engagement, we serve the community, particularly in social, economic, and environmental justice.

Community Outreach: We offer ourselves to Dartmouth as a place of gathering. Not only do we provide refuge, pastoral care, and support for all, but we offer our campus as a hub for the downtown, for non-profit and other organizations. We seek growth in human creativity, valuing the dramatic, visual, and musical arts by offering our space to others.

Our Current Outreach Ministries:

- Operate a community Food and Clothing Bank
- Personal Wellness programs for Food Bank clients
- Christmas Hamper program,
- Support and Serve Margaret's House: Feeding Others of Dartmouth (F.O.O.D.) Society

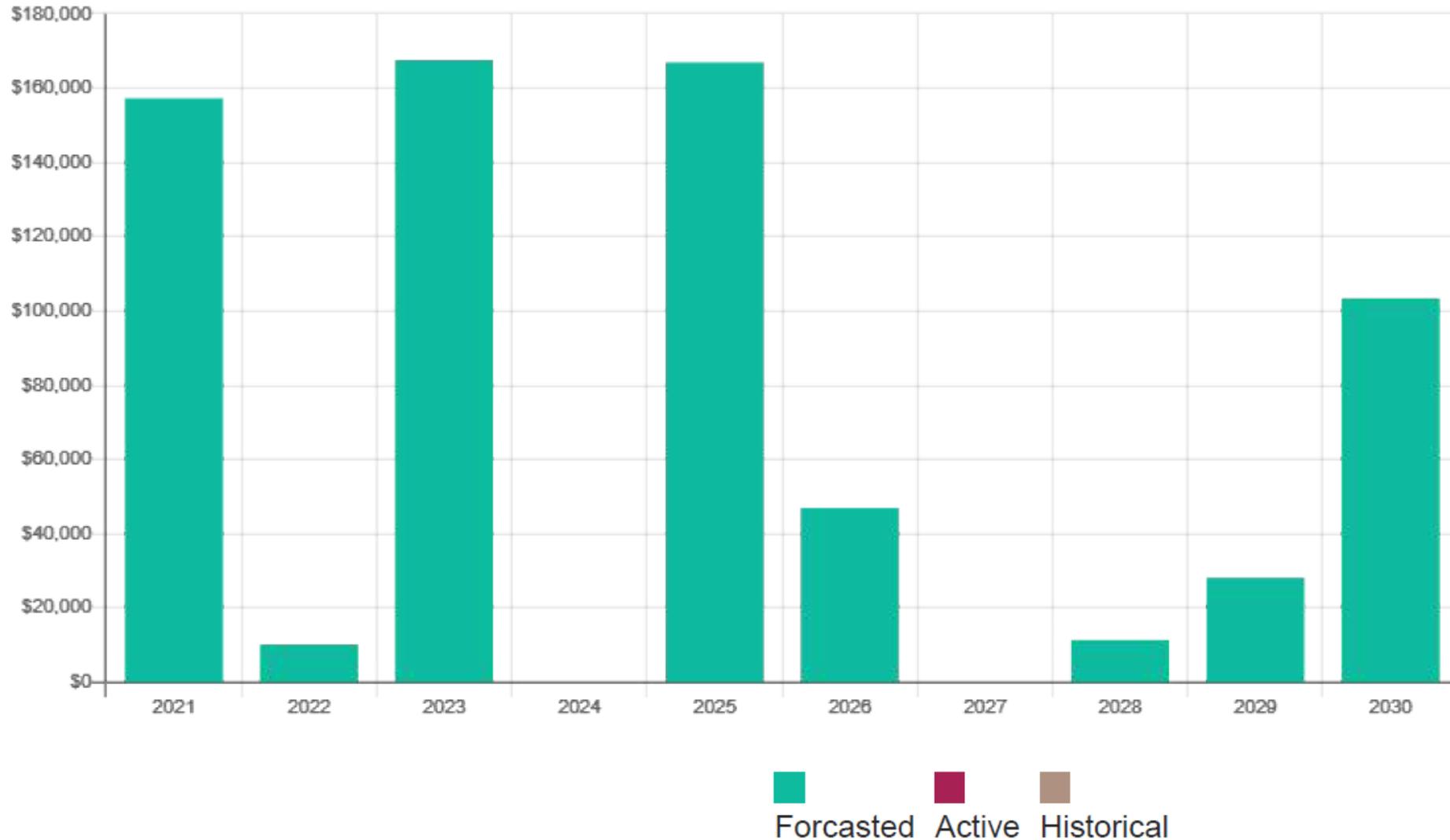
Our Current Outreach Ministries:

- Support Local and Global social and environmental initiatives: PWRDF, KIAROS, Peace and Reconciliation with Indigenous people, Back to School Supply Drive, MacPhee Centre Elizabeth Fry Society and Coverdale, Senior's Care, etc.
- Programs for young families, adults and the aged.
- Scouting and Guiding groups

Outreach Ministries We Aspire to:

- Emergency Shelter and outreach to the homeless
- Serve as a place for artistic gatherings:
Musicals, Community Concerts
- A center for healing ministries to the community

WSP Report Forecast Expenditures \$691,847



WSP Forecasted Needs: Church

- Foundation Waterproofing: \$28,000
- Concrete repair ramp: \$18,000
- Paint:\$113,200
- Door replacement:\$15,300
- Roof replacement:\$52,500
- Steeple repair: \$8,300
- Interior repainting:\$8,300
- Floor replacement:\$11,300

WSP Forecasted Needs: Hall

Structural Investigation \$10,000

Paint: \$51,600

Door replacement:\$7,000

Roof replacement:\$67,500

WSP Forecasted Needs: Both

Shingle Repair: \$10,500

Fire safety:\$56,900

HVAC: \$203,700

Plumbing:\$28,400

Other Questions:

Accessibility Investments

Bathroom Investments

The old rectory property

Facilities Utilization:

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Hall</u>
Rental Usage:	3%	32%
Church Usage:	8%	5%
Non-Usage:	89%	63%

Other Factors:

12.1 per cent of Nova Scotians lived below the poverty line in 2019 – the second highest rate in Canada – and 11.4 per cent (45,100) of Nova Scotian households are in core housing need.

Other Factors:

Almost 70 per cent of public housing tenants and 60 per cent of rent supplement clients in Nova Scotia are women; people of African descent and other racialized groups continue to experience systemic barriers when they try to access affordable housing.

Other Factors:

Nova Scotia's population grew from 942,970 in 2016 to 979,449 in 2021 (as of Jan. 1), but the housing supply has not kept pace with demand.

Other Factors:

- The Center Plan: New opportunities for development in downtown Dartmouth to be finalized this fall.

Strategic Options – A Spectrum

In options A and B, the parish wishes to maintain the following:

1. Office space for staff/volunteers
2. Space required for various ministries (i.e. Historical Committee, ACWs, etc.)
3. Food Bank and Clothing Ministry
4. Space for receptions (i.e. Funerals and Weddings)
5. The church building is a continued place of worship.

Option – A

- Long-term Housing mission (such as rental property low-income and/or market value residential); and a facility for Church use (artistic, musical, and other forms of expression), and maintaining our church as our worship and gathering space.

Option – B

Community Outreach mission (Foodbank, clothing bank, temporary housing; community organization office space/program delivery space); a facility for Church use; and maintaining our church as our worship and gathering space.

Option – C

Hall for Church use (as now), and a sanctuary [effectively no change]

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

For our community, and the world



A Prayer for all Conditions of People

We pray for those on our Christ Church Prayer List: William Bilney; Glenda & Dwight Bonang; Patricia Bowie; Tammy, Peter & Max Bowie; and Christine Brantnall.

Those who are sick, ill, or in need: Joan & Les Halsey , Glen, Nancy, Rick , Melba, Shelia Jollimore, Barbara, Edith, Bob, Christine, Susan, Bev & John Zinck, Faye & Brud Thornham, Allan, Ross and Residents of the Admiral, Oakwood, Oceanview, Parkland, and all in Care Homes.

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We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

All

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.**

**All things come from you, and of
your own do we give you.**

Collect of the Day

All

**Suffering God,
when in whose name we seek glory
for ourselves, cast down all our idols
and direct our hearts to him who
bears our wounds and is our peace,
Jesus Christ, the true God and servant
of all. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence.

The Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your
face; the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His
hand.

The Blessing:

And may God bless+ you in the
Name of the Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, this day and for
evermore, Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty
praise;

thou mine inheritance, now and always.

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's
Sun!

Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal

Leader Go in Peace, to Love and
Serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude:
I've Got A River

I've got a river springin' up inside,
A River of peace flowing deep and wide,
Washing my soul and bringing new life!
Oh, I've got a river in me!

The Spirit of God is a river in flood,
Unstoppable joy, never ending love,
Grace that is deeper than the deepest sea!
Oh, I've got a river in me!

Refrain:

Overflow in me:

Holy Spirit, set me free!

Open these eyes, let this blind man see!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

Just like the man when you made the mud,
My heart was blind and my eyes were shut.
I jumped in the pool and you opened them
up!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

Refrain:

Overflow in me:

Holy Spirit, set me free!

Open these eyes, let this blind man see!

Oh, I've got a river in me!

My mind was set and my heart was cold;
I thought I knew it all but then you spoke.
The river swelled up and the floodgates
broke!

Now I've got a river in me!

Refrain:

Overflow in me:

Holy Spirit, set me free!

Open these eyes, let this blind man see!

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