STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ Sunday

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WELCOME to our service this morning!

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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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP ***(Responsive)***
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.
Bring your silence and your shouting,
as introverts and extroverts.
Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
Bring your songs and your stories,
your struggles and your sacrifices.
Know that God is in the Sacred space.
It is God that made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
God designed and created us,
God understands us and is intensely interested in us.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless the Holy name.
Bring your gifts and your personalities,
your strengths and weaknesses.

For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.
God is just and wise,
honest and true,
caring and compassionate,
eternal and holy.
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GATHERING HYMN: VU page 820 "Psalm 100 – Make a Joyful Noise"

REFRAIN:
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song!

Verse 1 Know that your God has made you. Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song!

REFRAIN:
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song!

Verse 2 Enter these gates, thanks giving. Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
Worship your God with a song!

REFRAIN:
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song!

Verse 3 Ages through endless ages, seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song!

REFRAIN:
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song!
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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 SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Music by Lowell Mason's Boston Handel and Haydn Society 1830; Words by Thomas Kern;
Arranged by Joseph Barlowe.

THEME TIME

HYMN: VU #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

Verse 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true,
Out of the heart of the Father above, streaming to me and to you:
Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Verse 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came,
Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and shame,
Seeking the lost, seeking the lost, saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Verse 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; Why do they roam? Why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget; home, weary wanderers home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Verse 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love! Come and abide, come and abide,
Lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride:
Seeking to be, seeking to be lowly and humble, a learner of thee.
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THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46 **The Judgment of the Nations**

SERMON by Rev. Deborah Hoekstra **"No Receipt Required"**

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE *(Responsive)*
Pray for those who are hungry.
Pray harder for those who will not feed them.
Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.
Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.
Pray for those who are homeless.
Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.
Pray for the sick and lonely.
Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.
Pray for those who cry out for dignity.
Pray harder for those who will not listen.
Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.
Pray harder for those who exploit them.
Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.
Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.
Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.
Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy
and ignore those bound unjustly. Amen.
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HYMN *(seated)* VU #510 **"We Have This Ministry"**

Verse 1 We have this ministry and we are not discouraged; it is by God's own power that we may live and serve. Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe, praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive. We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.

Verse 2 O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning, we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love. Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace, different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place. We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

Verse 3 The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish; we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy. Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded bruised and bowed with pain. Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again. We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.Words and music by Jim Strathdee 1979. Words and music copyright © 1979 Desert Flower Music. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under One License #A-718663.

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 #171 "Christ Has No Body Now but Yours"

REFRAIN:
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

Verse 1 No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.

REFRAIN:

Verse 2 No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.

REFRAIN:

Verse 3 No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
To walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.

REFRAIN:

Verse 4 Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:
As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
With ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.

REFRAIN:
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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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 22, 2026

MEWASSIN

SAT. Nov 28/26 10am – Decorating The Church will be decorated for the Christmas season if you are able all are welcome to help.
SUN. Nov. 29/26 and Dec 6/26 White Gift Sundays – Socks of all sizes will be accepted for Parenting for the Future (mitts, hats, etc. are also being accepted). Drop off is at the Church.
SUN Nov. 29/26 and Dec 6/26 Christmas Hamper Collection – Once again Mewassin will be collecting non-perishable food items and/or gift cards for the Wabamun Christmas Hamper program. Items can be dropped off on both Sundays. Please speak with Fran regarding the gift cards. She is willing to pick up these items.
SUN. Dec 6/28 Christmas Brunch – Directly after Church the annual Christmas Brunch will be served. Please bring a pot-luck item for sharing.
SUN. Dec 20/26 Coffee Sunday – The last Coffee Sunday of the year will be held directly after the Service.
MON. Dec 21/26 5:30pm Christmas Evening – We will have a movie and pizza night at the Church with visiting and more, hosted by Sunday School.
THUR. Dec 24/26 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service – The usual service will be held with the Sunday School participating this year.
SUN. Dec 27/26 – Christmas Break No Service This Sunday.

STONY PLAIN

TUE. NOV 24/26 7pm – Council meeting There will be a council meeting upstairs in the boardroom.

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.
SUN. DEC 13/26 Christmas Cantata/Advent Supper – Doors open at 4:30, Supper will begin at 5:00 with Caroling at 6:30 and Cantata at 7pm. Dessert/coffee/cookies after Cantata.

COMMUNITY
TOWN OF STONY PLAIN – Updated information with December 2026 and January 2027 events is posted.
STOCKINGS OF CARE 2026 CAMPAIGN – If anyone is interested in assisting or donating to this event please contact 780 960-9669. The event is hosted by the Neighbourlink Parkland program.
WHISPERING WATERS SERVICE – 7:15pm First Wed. each month at Whispering Waters Center.

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 29/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**
Sun. Dec 6/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**
Sun. Dec 13/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at Devon.**
Sun. Dec 20/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.**
Thur. Dec 24/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at MEW @ 4:30 pm.**
Thur. Dec 24/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at SP @ 7 pm.**
Thur. Dec 24/26	**Rev. Deborah in person at Devon @ 9 pm.**

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 Comm. Service**

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Tue. Nov 24	**7pm Council meeting upstairs in boardroom SP**
Sat. Nov 28	**Church Decorating MEW**
Nov 29/Dec 6	**White gift Sunday drop off at Church MEW**
Nov 29/Dec 6	**Christmas Hamper Collection at Church MEW**
Sun Dec 6	**Christmas Brunch at Church MEW**
Sun Dec 13	**Cantata supper event SP**
Sun Dec 13	**Purdy Chocolate orders due SP**
Sun Dec 20	**Coffee Sunday after Service MEW**
Mon Dec 21	**5:30pm Christmas Evening Movie & Pizza night at Church MEW**
Sun Dec 24	**4:30pm Service in Mewassin**

Sun Dec 24 7pm Service in Stony Plain
Sun Dec 27 NO SERVICE in MEWASSIN
WELCOME TO 2027