



**November 10, 2024**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

**Gower Street United Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background, or sexual orientation.**



*We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we live, work and worship as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has been lost forever and can never be recovered. We also acknowledge the island of Kaimuki (Newfoundland) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.*

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**Bold indicates unison.**  
**Rise in body and spirit as you prefer.**  
**The projected text in white is a communal response.**

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory  
of The Brookings and Smith Families from Cheryl Conway.

### THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

#### The Life and Work of Gower

**Introit:** In War, Resolution Archer

**We sing:** VU 806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

#### **Words of Welcome:**

No matter who you are, where you come from, how you come to be here, what you believe or what you are questioning, you are welcome in fullness.

#### **Light of Faith and Peace:**

The news is terrible.

**Even though we may not know any of the people involved, we can imagine what it must be like.**

To live in fear. To live wondering if you are next. To wonder if you have anything left of home, family, neighbourhood, or livelihood.

**Peace is a dream. Peace is a necessity.**

First, hostilities must cease. Then understanding and mutual respect must develop.

**We pray for true peace to come to all the lands and all the peoples God loves.**

May this light remind us of the God of peace.

**May it call to us: "Be a people of peace."**

Let us pray:

**In a world torn apart by bombs and hunger, we pray for peace, O God. In a world of shadows and fear, we light a candle to show us the way. In a world of competing ideologies, we invite the light of faith to guide us on the way. When the world sings the songs of consumerism and militarism, may the light of this candle remind us of a different tune and sing to us of a new way. Shine on, light of faith. Show us your life-giving way. Amen.**

#### **Gathering Words:**

God is love. God is peace.

**God calls us here today to remember and to honour those who sacrificed so much in war, not to glorify and idolize, but to seek God's peace for their spirits and ours and to pray for peace in our world.**

Come let us worship God in gratitude.

#### **Gathering Prayer:**

**Peaceful God, in a world of conflict and confusion, soothe us with your eternal love. Slow us from the suspicion that fosters distrust**

**and ill will. Inspire us with your compassionate wisdom. When we are limited by prejudice and judgment, heal us with your abundant love. Awaken us to discover your presence in everyone we encounter. Nurture us with your accepting grace. As possibilities and opportunities challenge us, lead us with your courageous love. Open our hearts to the places and people where**

**we can make a difference. Lead us with your enduring strength.**

**Watch over us, O God, and guide us in your way. Help us to live in Jesus's footsteps so that we may love all your people more constantly and generously. Amen.**

Last Post

Liam Clancy

Moment of Silence

Reveille/Rouse

Liam Clancy

## Gower Remembers

### Act of Remembrance

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 shall remember them.

### We will remember them.

*(An excerpt from "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon)*

### Laying of the Wreath

*Young people are invited to Gower Learners and Young Peoples Choir*

**We sing:** VU 527 God! As with Silent Hearts St. Agnes

## LISTENING TO THE STORY

### Prayer for Illumination:

Doug Peters

**Dear God, as we read the stories of our faith tradition, may they come alive for us and help us to encounter you. Help us to understand and embrace the messages you have for us today in the stories of old and the teachings of today, messages that call us to ways of peace and love, freedom and justice. Amen.**

**A Reading from Scripture:** Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17  
Ruth marries Boaz and restores the family line.

Doug Peters

**Responsive Psalm:** VU p. 851 Psalm 127  
Unless God builds the house.

Isele  
Doug Peters

**A Reading from Gospel:** Mark 12: 38-44  
The widow offers two small copper coins.

**Anthem:** Pie Jesu (from Requiem)

Webber

### Meditation

**We sing:** VU 372 Though I May Speak O Waly Waly

## COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR MINISTRY

*The offering plates are located near the sanctuary doors. You are invited to place your offerings there when you arrive or leave. You can also scan the QR code on our bulletin to donate via our website.*

### Gathering our Gifts

**We sing:** VU 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Old 100<sup>th</sup>

### Offering Prayer:

**Gracious God, we thank you for the blessing of your presence. Please use these gifts to the church and through the church to others so that all of us may be blessed with the knowledge of your love and care in word and deed. Amen.**

### Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus

## WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

**We sing:** VU 659 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

### **We Go to The World:**

Go out from here, knowing that Jesus is among us, that he is with us wherever we go, and that the Holy Spirit is within us.

**Let us forsake our fear and rejoice in God's peace, a peace we are called to share in the world. Amen.**

### **O Canada**

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix!  
Ton histoire est une épopée  
Des plus brillants exploits.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### **God Save The King**

God save our gracious King  
Long live our noble King,  
God save The King:  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save The King.

### **Ode to Newfoundland**

When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills  
And Summer spreads her hand  
When silvern voices tune thy rills  
We love thee smiling land  
We love thee, we love thee,  
We love thee smiling land.

As loved our fathers, so we love  
Where once they stood we stand  
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above  
God guard thee Newfoundland  
God guard thee, God guard thee  
God guard thee Newfoundland.

**Postlude:** Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) Elgar

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**Minister:** The Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
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**Organist & Music Ministry:** R. Carl Goulding  
**Custodian:** David Noseworthy  
**Board Chair:** Patrick Griffin



## What's Up at Gower

**The November Dinner Meeting for the Gower Service and Social Club** will take place on Tuesday, the 12th, at the usual time in the Lecture Hall. This is earlier in the month than usual! The main course is pork belly. The after-dinner speaker is yet to be determined. Please let Bert Riggs, Doug Peters or Bruce Nickerson know by noon on Sunday, November 10, if you plan to attend.

**Donations to Seniors Gala:** We are looking for small Christmas items to fill the Christmas baskets. These can be brought along on Sunday, dropped off at the office, or picked up by a committee member. Contact Linda Nickerson at 782-1288.

**2024 Gower Online Auction:** If you did not get your donation to us this week, please contact Lorne LeDrew ([stewardship@gowerunited.com](mailto:stewardship@gowerunited.com)) so we can add the items to the auction. More Details to come!

**Traditional Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols:** On Sunday evening, December 1st, the 41st Traditional Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place in the sanctuary of Gower Street United Church, at 6:30 pm. The mass choir features singers from the performance groups at the Music Studios of Etcetera Productions: the Junior Show Choir, the Show Choir, and the Ensemble. The performers' families and the music studio teachers, Carl Goulding, Justin Goulding, Megan Barnes, and Rebecca Goulding Arsenault, look forward to another beautiful musical celebration of the Christmas season. Admittance is \$20, paid at the door, and doors open for concertgoers at 5:30 pm. The profits of the evening are donated annually to Gower Street United Church. Everyone is welcome to attend on December 1st, and we hope to make this evening a wonderful beginning to the Christmas Season, and a significant fundraiser for Gower Street United Church.

**Open Program:** We are excited to resume our Open Doors Program this year, which will run into November. This program was funded by "The Convening Fund at The United Church of Canada Foundation." We extend our gratitude to the United Church of Canada Foundation for once again supporting us in this programming.

Our doors will be open on Saturdays and other specific dates, and knowledgeable tour guides will be present to answer questions about the history of our building and congregation. You can also check our social media pages for openings on other days that may not be listed below.

### November Dates

Saturday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Bridges to Hope:** Crackers are the suggested food item for November. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated.

**Bulletin Dedications:** The Worship and Sacraments Committee invites members of our faith community to help with the cost of printing weekly bulletins. It costs us approximately \$12.00 to have color-printed bulletin covers. You may dedicate a bulletin of any Sunday in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a significant event, or in celebration of a life's milestone. The name of Memoriam/Celebration/Milestone and Donor will appear in the bulletin on the specified Sunday. Please forward any donations to the church office and contact SuAn, the office administrator, during office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. via email ([gsuc@nl.rogers.com](mailto:gsuc@nl.rogers.com)) or phone 709-753-7286 ext. 200.

# Grieving: Coping with the Holidays

## ST. JOHN'S

KENMOUNT TERRACE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
85 MESSENGER DRIVE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH  
1:30-3:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
7:00-8:30 PM

PLEASE REGISTER AS SPACE IS LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE.  
TO REGISTER, CONTACT:  
GRIEFANDBEREAVEMENT@EASTERNHEALTH.CA



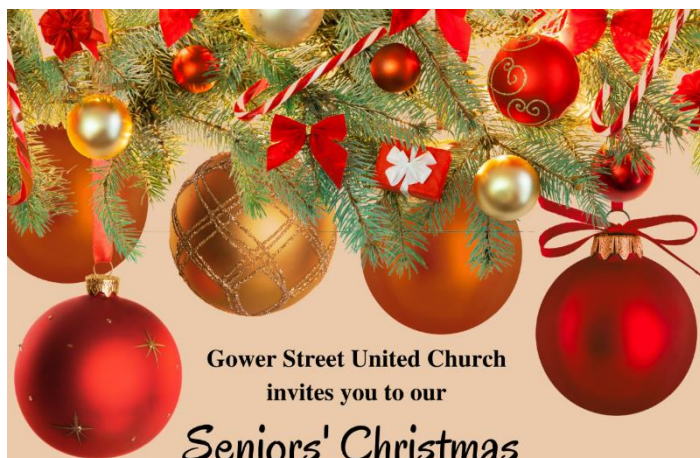
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Services

## VIRTUAL (VIA ZOOM)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD FROM 6:00-7:30PM  
HOSTED BY THE CENTRAL ZONE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH FROM 7:00-8:30 PM  
HOSTED BY THE EASTERN ZONES

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:  
GRIEFANDBEREAVEMENT@EASTERNHEALTH.CA



Gower Street United Church  
invites you to our

## Seniors' Christmas Gala

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Tickets are \$25.00

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings  
Entertainment by the Walsh Family  
Accepting Food Bank Donations (or a Loonie)  
Draws for Door Pizes

Doors Open at 5:30 PM - Dinner starting 6 PM

Ticket Sales Start on November 6, 2024

Purchase tickers via Gower Office  
99 Queens Rd. 709-753-7286.

Office Hours Wednesday - Thursday  
11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Payment (cash, cheque or e-transfer)  
due on ticket distribution



Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Arms