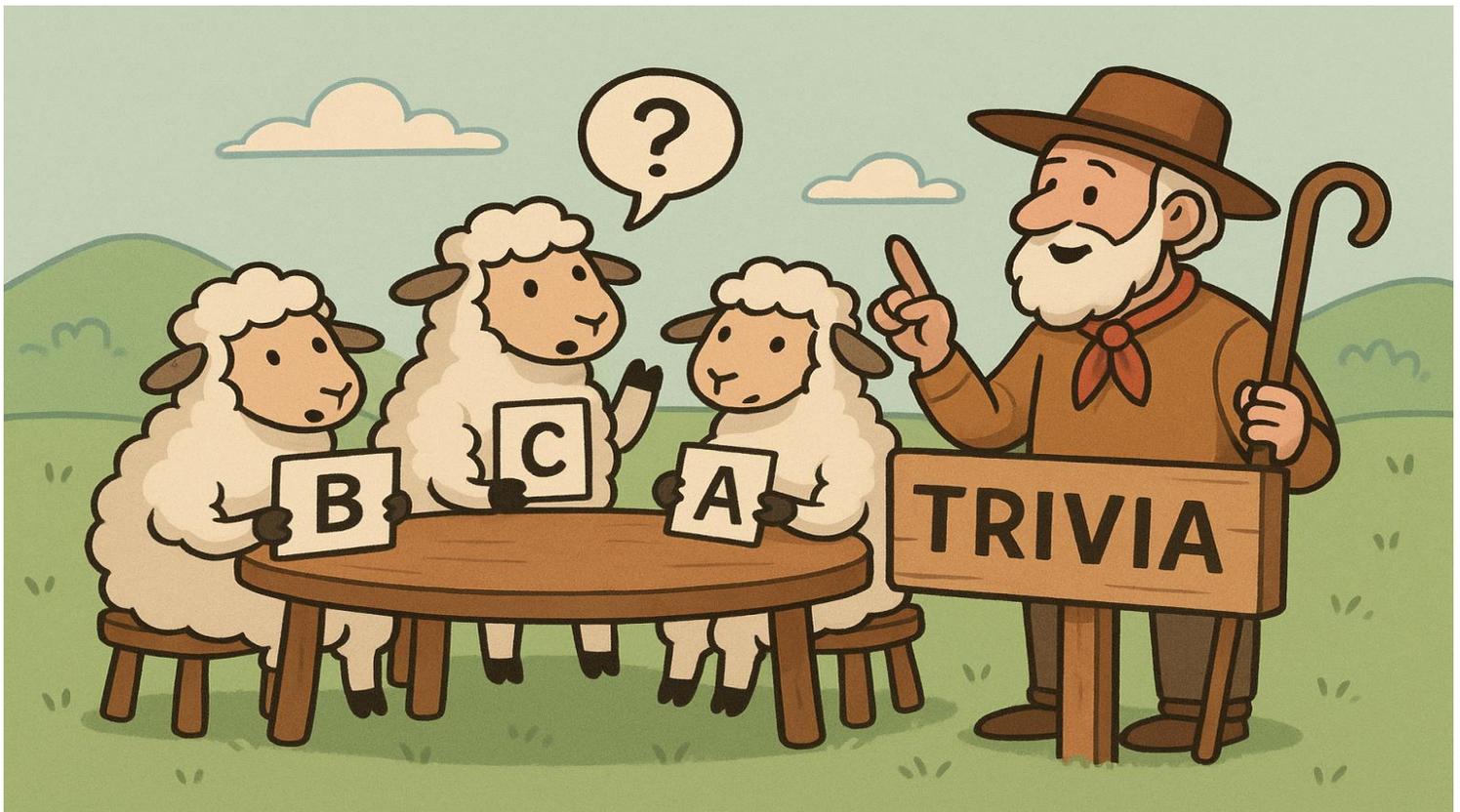


November 23rd, 2025
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Reign Of Jesus

The people of Gower Street United Church are committed to doing right by Jesus' teachings: loving, serving, giving generously in our local, regional, and global communities. We envision a vibrant and evolving community where tradition is honoured, change is embraced, and injustice is challenged.

We are dedicated to being welcoming and affirming, engaging participation of all, including people of any age, colour, race, ethnicity, faith, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, family composition, and social or economic circumstances.

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. This province of Newfoundland and Labrador is home to diverse populations of Indigenous and other peoples who have contributed to 9,000 years of history. We acknowledge with respect the deep histories and cultures of the Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit. 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 seekers of justice, 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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Rise in body and spirit as you prefer.
The projected text in white is a communal response.

THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

The Life and Work of Gower

Voluntary: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J S Bach

We sing: VU 330 Jesus Shall Reign Duke Street

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: Jada and Emmi Gill

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."

We light this candle, a sign and symbol of God's presence among us.

Gathering Words: Sadie Butt

Another year passes.

Things end and things begin.

Birth. Life. Death. Life beyond death.

Nothing is constant!

Everything changes. Everything except this:

God's love is with me. God's love is with you. God's love is with all creation.

Today?

Yesterday. Today. Forever.

And all creation is held safe in that love.

And all creation is transformed in that love.

Let us worship the God who loves us, yesterday, today, and forever.

Gathering Prayer: Naomi Addison

Jesus, Presence of God Incarnate,

first word over all creation, we are born of you and for you.

Alpha, Peace from Truth,

first hope among the dead, we are reborn of you and for you.

Omega, Redemption, and Reconciliation,

first servant in our action of giving, we are in relationship of you and for you.

Christ, Ruler of our todays and our tomorrows,

first love in our hearts, minds, and souls, we are in community of you and for you. **Amen.**

Exploring Reign of Christ Sunday Naomi Addison & Jasmine Gill

We Sing: VU 365 Jesus Loves Me Jesus Loves Me

Prayer of Transformation: Jasmine Gill

Holy God, God of life in all its facets, we are grateful to you for helping us make it to this place safely. We find in this church home a refuge, a reliable rock upon which we build your community, a community in which we can live the reign of Christ, a family of people who care about us, care for us, and care with us.

This community of ours is also a place where we share our hurts, mistakes, pains, and errors so that they can be forgiven and relieved and we can be refreshed. May we find courage to engage the world that has not always understood your message. May we find strength to muddle through the challenges we encounter. May we be reminded of your presence this morning and always. Amen.

Words of Assurance: Jasmine Gill

Jesus spoke to the disciples about the challenges that they were going to encounter. He knew just how much the world was going to change and how difficult it would be for them to hold on to their faith and to give up some things they cherished. Despite the challenges we encounter today in living our faith, rest assured that God forgives you when you've been led astray. God loves us all deeply and unflinchingly. God calls us to support and encourage one another as we live the reign of Christ as a community. Praise be to God!

LISTENING TO THE STORY

Prayer for Illumination:

Mysterious God, delight the places deep inside us when we receive the words of scripture. Stir our understanding with deep appreciation.

May your message become our hope. In the name of the One who is Infinite Love. Amen.

A Reading from Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 25

A reading from the Gospel: John 10: 7-19 Stephen Jewczyk

Anthem: In Christ Alone Getty

Exploring the Church Year

We sing: VU 273 The King of Love St. Columba

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

You can offer your financial gifts to Gower Street United Church in many ways. As you leave the sanctuary, there are offering plates where you may lay your offerings. You can also continue to drop off offerings in the secure mailbox outside the church office or you can donate via E-Transfer, using the email address gsuc@nl.rogers.com. You can also scan the QR code on your mobile device to be brought directly to our website page.



A Moment for Affirm Naomi Addison & Sadie Butt

Gathering our Gifts: Caleb Butt

As we contemplate the journey through the Christian year, from Advent to Reign of Christ, we think of our own journey of faith, our call and our response.

We sing: VU 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Old 100th

Offering Prayer: Norah Gambsy

Loving God, these offerings are part of our response to your call. We also respond with other ways of supporting our church and community through visits and phone calls made, notes written, food delivered, and prayers on behalf of others. We ask that you bless these offerings and multiply them by your grace so that the work of this congregation may be accomplished to your glory. Amen.

Prayers for the World and the Prayer of Jesus Rev. Karen Thorne

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

We sing: VU 334 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Miles Lane

We go out into the world: Henry Dunsmore

As you return to the world, carry with you Christ's truth, cherish him as the highest power of your life, and share his generous love with neighbours, near and far.

Alors que vous repartez dans le monde, gardez dans votre coeur la vérité du Christ, portez-la comme la plus grande puissance de votre vie, et partagez son amour généreux avec vos frères et soeurs d'ici et d'ailleurs.

Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude: Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi, No. VI. Schroeder Organist: Jack Tracey

We offer our thanks to Gower Youth Members Naomi Addison, Caleb Butt, Sadie Butt, Norah Gamsby, Jasmine Gill, and Callie Zahariadis for their hard work in creating this worship for our community.

Worship today was inspired by Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2025, Year C.

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Custodian: David Noseworthy
Board Chair: Jonathan Stevenson

Staff Hours

Rev. Pamela: Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Days off are Friday and Saturday. If you wish to schedule an appointment, please email or call the church office.

Rev. Karen: Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, as well as Sundays for worship and various other activities. If you wish to schedule an appointment, please email or call the church office.

Office Administrator (Felyn): Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Fridays, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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What's Up at Gower



2025 Gower Online Auction: The 2025 Gower Online Auction starts TODAY, Sunday, November 23rd at noon via Bartlett's Auctions: www.bartlettauctions.com. We're thankful for their free hosting. To bid, register for an account here: <https://bartlettauctions.com/register>. Find original art, gift certificates, golf coupons, sailing experiences, fine china, glassware, artwork, crafts, and baked goods. Explore unique items and place your bids—you might just win that perfect piece. For more information call 709-753-7286 ext. 200.

To the Glory of God

Donations to the
Choral Scholarship
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in loving memory of
Elsie Goulding
from Carl Goulding .

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Ruth Churchill
from Sandra Davis,
Margaret Penny,
Marilyn & Doug
Peters .

Donations to the
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in loving memory of
**Fred Davis's
Birthday**
from Sandra Davis.

Donations to the
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in loving memory of
Doris Bursey
from Mary Bursey.

Spirit of Giving: Spirit of Giving Sunday is December 7th. The tree is set up in the vestibule. Please take a star or stars and bring those items to worship on December 7th. You can also view the list of requested items here. Please note that the items need to be new. The items will be distributed to Stella's Circle this season.

The Annual Gower Street United Church Congregational Christmas Dinner, sponsored by the Gower Service and Social Club, will take place at the Lecture Hall (auditorium) on Tuesday, December 09, 2025. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Carol Sing. The meal will include a traditional turkey dinner catered by Spirit of Newfoundland, with Christmas puddings made by a team of volunteers from Gower. Tickets cost \$30.00 per person and can be purchased from Bert Riggs.

2026 Church Calendars: We have ONE of United Church of Canada Church Calendars available from the church office for purchase. The cost for a calendar is \$7:00.

Parade Lunch: Following worship on Sunday, November 30, we will have our traditional Kraft Dinner and hot dog lunch for anyone who wishes to have lunch before heading down to see the Downtown Santa Claus Parade. We hope you can join us. Everyone is welcome!

Gifts with Vision: Give meaningful gifts that make a difference with Gifts with Vision! Each year's gift catalogue gives a glimpse of the breadth of our Mission and Service ministries and programs. Gifts with Vision have gift ideas to suit every interest, budget, and person. It's a great way to celebrate special occasions and honour loved ones! The gift catalogue is updated online regularly and is fully refreshed every fall. You can visit <https://giftswithvision.ca/> to view online catalogue.

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 \$15.00 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.



GOWER COMMUNITY BAND
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS

A DOWNTOWN POPS CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

3:00PM

Gower Street United Church

CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF
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NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
NORTH SHORE FIRES RECOVERY FUND.

FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

SPECIAL GUESTS:

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AND EMCEE: GUY MATTHEWS

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