
Milton Christian Church Vision Statement

We are part of the body of Christ, a community of faithful, caring people. Together we are called by God to care for and serve our neighbours, near and far, with love and compassion.

Milton Christian Church
November 3, 2024 - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
190th Anniversary Service
Minister: Russell Prime

(Please pick up your communion elements from the side table prior to the service.)

Prelude: Joy Anthony, Pianist

Welcome: Russell Prime
Welcome to our 190th Anniversary Service here at Milton Christian Church. We are glad that you have come to join in our celebration! We hope this time together is one of rest, renewal and rejuvenation in God's presence. We invite you to join us again. We also invite visitors to sign our Guest Book on the table at the back.

Announcements: Russell Prime

Gathering Words: (Unison) Russell Prime
We gather, looking back to see the paths taken while looking forward to see our path. We honour those who have gone before us and have learned from their successes and failures. We celebrate who we are today and welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us. We gather to worship God, the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Call to Worship: (Responsively) Russell Prime
One: In our 190 years together, our Family Tree has weathered winters, storms, and periods of drought.
All: Our Family Tree has enjoyed gentle sunshine, nourishing rains, the leisurely warmth of summer blessings.
One: God has nurtured and fed us, caused our roots to sink deep.
All: God has shown us his grace, growing fruit of abundant varieties.

One: God has made us his witnesses in the world.
All: God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.
One: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!
All: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to our God!
One: Praise the Lord for 190 years! Praise our God for 190 more!
All: Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise: "Count Your Blessings" On PowerPoint

Invocation Prayer: (Unison) Russell Prime
Lord God, receive our praise and thanksgiving for the blessings, help, and comfort which you bestowed upon your people in this place from its foundation. Continue, we pray, your many mercies in your church, that we may be conscious at all times of your unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 98 Russell Prime

Message: Russell Prime

Special Presentations: 1) Sharon McKenzie 2) John & Kathy Chute
3) Honey Macumber

Tree of Blessings: Please come forward and place your leaves of Blessings.

Special Music: Dick Henneberry

Birthdays, Blessings, Joys and Concerns: Russell Prime
Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer: Russell Prime

Prayer Response: "Weave" # 495
Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together, together in love.

Stewardship Thought: Russell Prime
God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, and our monetary gifts.

Offerings: Offerings can be placed in the plate on the side table.

Doxology: (Tune: # 46)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

Dedication Prayer: (Unison) **Russell Prime**
Bountiful God, all that we can offer you stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the Table: **Russell Prime**
Communion Hymn: *"Come, Share the Lord"* # 408

Words of Institution: **Russell Prime**
Prayers and Participation: **Elder, Ron Freeman**
(We will partake together when instructed by the Pastor.)

Communion Closing Prayer: **Russell Prime**

Special Music: **Dick Henneberry**

Benediction: (Responsively) **Russell Prime**
One: We go back out into the world to love and serve the world around us,
All: just as we have done for 190 years, so we continue to do so.
One: We go out held in the loving arms of God who Creates, Redeems, Supports, and Sustains us.
All: We are not alone! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Response: (Responsively) **Russell Prime**
One: The Peace of Christ be with you, Sisters and Brothers.
All: "And also with you!"

Threefold Amen: # 312
Postlude: **Joy Anthony, Organist**

TREE OF BLESSINGS: You are asked to put your answer to the following questions on your leaf to place on the tree during the service. "What meaningful gifts/blessings have you received through Milton Christian Church?" and "How has the Milton Christian Church gifted the wider community?"

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Sunday, November 3, 2024*



Our Church's 190th Anniversary



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CONTACT INFO FOR PASTOR: Our pastor, Russell Prime can be reached at 1-902-354-4950 or 1-902-401-1202. His office hours are Wednesdays from **12 p.m. - 2 p.m.** at the church. His days off are Monday and Tuesdays of each week.

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS: This week November 3 - 9

Thursday - Janet Fountain & Cheryl Mansfield **Friday** - Muriel Miller

PRAYER LIST: Please keep these friends & family in prayer during the week. If you notice that someone is missing from this list, or you would like to have someone added to the list, please call the church office at 902-354-4954 and leave a message with your info.

Surf Lodge, Lockeport: Buzz Neilson

Prayers: Noel Dexter Liz Vitols Riley Alexander
Caleb Anthony Shae D'Arcy

CHURCHES IN PRAYER: We remember our local congregations and pastors each week. Today we pray for **Dan Williams** and the congregation of the Port Mouton Baptist Church. We also remember our Canadian Disciple congregations and pastors across Canada each week. Today we pray for the Lay-Led congregation of **Sugarbush Christian Church, Guelph, Ontario.**

FOOD BANK: We will begin our **November Christmas Food Bank goal of collecting 50+ cans of cranberry.** Let's continue to assist our Food Bank especially for Christmas. They appreciate all our donations.

OUR DAILY BREAD: We have large print and smaller print copies of Our Daily Bread for October/**November/December** on the back table.

SCHEDULE REMINDERS: You are reminded that those listed below are scheduled to participate in the service next Sunday, **November 10th:**

Greeters/Communion: Mary Whynot & Marilyn Huskins

Elder: Ron Freeman **Scripture:** Kathy Chute

Coffee Hour: Kathy & John Chute

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study with Cathie Dexter continues this **Thursday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m.** at Summerville Christian Church. The Theme is: *For the Advancement of His Kingdom.....*

ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL: The following Memorial was received:

In Memory of parents, Edward & Phyllis Oickle and Leander & Mary Crooker
- from Allan & Lena Oickle

FREEWILL OFFERING LUNCHEON: As many of you know, Caleb Anthony, Joy's grandson, will finally be going to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto for medical treatment. This will involve several trips. On Sunday, November 17th, we will be providing a lunch of a chicken salad sandwich, pie, and tea or coffee after church. There will be a freewill offering. We would appreciate your help.

MILTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: The Milton Memorial Hall is in real need of funding. In particular, they need to purchase a stainless steel prep table and a commercial dehumidifier. Our church cannot donate directly to them, as they are a non-profit rather than a charity, which would limit their activities. If you would like to make a donation, please give your cash or a cheque made out to the Milton Community Association to Shirley Francis or Honey Macumber. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

November 3	11:00 a.m.	Our 190 th Anniversary Service
	12:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour
November 4	1:30 p.m.	Milton Café
November 5	2:00 p.m.	Disciples Women
November 6	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	2:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Healing Circle
November 7	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
November 10	11:00 a.m.	Remembrance Day Sunday
	12:15 p.m.	Coffee & Chat
November 11		Remembrance Day
	12:15 p.m.	Coffee & Chat
November 13	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	6:30 p.m.	Healing Circle
November 14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
November 17	11:00 a.m.	26 th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service
	12:30 p.m.	Freewill Offering Luncheon - Caleb Anthony
November 18	1:30 p.m.	Milton Café
	6:30 p.m.	Church in Use
November 20	10:30 a.m.	Crafty Critters
	6:30 p.m.	Healing Circle (Final Fall session)
November 21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
November 24	11:00 a.m.	27 th Last Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Coffee & Chat