



Sunday, December 6, 2020



Advent is a time of waiting, anticipation, hope, peace, joy and love as we look forward to the long awaited birth of the Christ Child. In Advent we are anticipating the arrival of the baby Jesus the Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Saviour and Coming King. It is a time we are waiting for God, for the birth of hope, for the arrival of new life. As we wait, we prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of God.

We ask God to shape us and to prepare our hearts for the long awaited Good News that Jesus Christ is born!

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the

FIND YOUR PLACE

Good News! This Sunday you will be able to watch Sunday service at our usual time at 10:30am! We want to guarantee a beautiful service that everyone can listen to and enjoy in high quality!

Advent & Christmas Services

Christmas this year will be different with the COVID restrictions however, we are celebrating each week with our tradition of lighting the Advent Candles always following the protocols and regulations to ensure the safety of all participating. Other services will be celebrated just differently. Each Sunday we are pre-recording the Church service and sharing it on Sunday **morning** through our Facebook page and YouTube Channel!

The **Memory Tree** service will be recorded on Sunday, December 13 at 4:45 pm and will be posted later that evening for everyone to view.

The **Christmas Eve Services includes: The Family Service, Communion Service and Lessons and Carols.** All the services will be pre-recorded following the protocols of Covid restrictions at the time. We will be recording the Lessons and Carols at two different times to ensure the safety of all. Christmas is happening, differently and we as a faith community adjust accordingly. We will be joining with Westworth on YouTube On Sunday, December 27 for Lessons & Carols. Westworth will be joining us on Sunday, January 3rd at 10:30am online.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of the season fill your hearts and homes at this special time of the year.



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: Prepare the way, O Zion *arr. Dale Wood*

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **VU 18** There's A Voice in the Wilderness vs. 1 & 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:
We come to remember.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we remember the 14 women who were murdered on December 6, 1989
We remember. (repeated after each name is read and candle lit)

Genevieve Bergeron aged 21
Helen Colgan aged 23
Nathalie Croteau aged 23
Barbara Daigneault aged 22
Anne-Marie Edward aged 21
Maud Haviernick aged 29
Barbara Maria Klucznick aged 31
Maryse Laganiere aged 25
Maryse Leclair aged 23
Anne-Marie Lemay aged 27
Sonia Pelletier aged 28
Michele Richard aged 21
Annie St-Arneault aged 23
Annie Turcotte aged 21

We remember.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU 18** There's A Voice in the Wilderness vs. 3 & 4

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:
We gather as people of peace.

HYMN: **MV 220** Peace Shines as the Solitary Star

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:1-5 read by Bernard Boland

SOLO: Chris Donlevy - "Comfort ye" from "Messiah"; G. F. Handel

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:1-8 read by Bernard Boland

SERMON

HYMN: **VU 882** Prepare the Way vs. 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:

OFFERING/OFFERTORY:

VU 55 vs. 4 In the Bleak Midwinter

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

Lest we forget. Let us always remember.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

BLESSING

BENEDICTION (**VU 1** O Come O Come Emmanuel vs. 7)

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

POSTLUDE: Comfort, comfort now my people (Genevan 42) *arr. Gregg Sewell*

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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A special thanks to all who helped to decorate the church for Christmas following Covid protocols. Thanks to Ruth McKenzie, John Swan, Paul Bennet & Betty Jubinville for the indoor decorations and Bruce & Luba Scott and Gord and Kay Shawcross for setting up the Manger Scene outside.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

*Luke 1:47-55

John 1:6-8, 19-28

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All orders for Wreaths must be in by Tuesday 8th at noon and will be delivered Thursday and Friday December 10th & 11th.

Oak Table is a community ministry of 1JustCity, the United Church of Canada and works with the homeless. Money is being raised for new washrooms and here is why they are needed, "All God's children need a washroom. Using a washroom is right, not a privilege. Can I use your washroom? NO! is the answer for Winnipeggers who are homeless"

Let's help and buy a Wreath! Cost is \$20.00 with curbside drop off. Money can be left in your mailbox on the day of delivery or a cheque can be mailed in to the church. Wreaths become available after December 5th. Order yours now!

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church at the corner of Oak Street & Kingsway will be lighting a "Memory Tree" on the Oak Street side of the church grounds on December 13, 2020. We will not be gathering unless the Restrictions are lifted. The short service, prayer and lighting of the tree will be recorded and posted later on the church website online.

This is a marvelous way for the community to dedicate lights in memory of deceased family members and friends. Lights are available for a minimum donation of \$10 each and the names of remembered people will appear in a permanent Memory Book which will be on display at the church. You will also receive a beautiful keepsake card for each light you purchase. Tax receipts will also be mailed out.

If the restrictions are lifted and meetings are possible the lighting will take place promptly at 5:00 preceded by a few words and a prayer outside. We will be following all of the COVID protocols –wearing masks, 6 feet apart and outside. You may also remain in your cars and watch the lighting.

If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off the order form below by December 11, 2020 with a cheque. The lights will shine continuously from December 13, 2020 to the end of the year, warming your neighbourhood and many hearts.

