



Sunday, January 10, 2021

Epiphany



Epiphany follows the Christmas story of the babe born in the manger. It is a season especially set apart for adoring the glory of Christ. It means manifestation of glory and leads us the contemplation of Christ as King upon a throne and leads us to the Season of Lent. The Epiphany Season is a happy time for us to keep the bright lights about our homes, to remember the miraculous birth and guiding star of Bethlehem so long ago.

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

In-Church Services Suspended at St. Andrew's

The number of new covid-19 cases in Manitoba continues to climb at alarming rates. Effective November 12, all of Manitoba has been designated as Critical (Red) on the Pandemic Response Scale with new restrictions to limit social contact and to close non-essential businesses. The Directive specifies that community, cultural and religious activities are to be provided on a virtual basis only.

That is exactly what St. Andrew's has been doing for a while and we will continue that practice. The services are record-ed in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings with a small group of people (all well social distanced) and then streamed later on the St. Andrew's Facebook page. These ever changing circumstances are disappointing but It is our utmost priority to keep our church community and the general public we interact with safe. Be assured that we will re-start Sunday services in our church building when covid case counts decline and it is deemed safe to do so. We will keep our congregation posted.

St. Andrew's Re-Opening Committee



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

*The Liturgy for today's service was written by Rita Swan, who is a member of this congregation and a student in the Licensed Lay Worship Leadership Program for the United Church of Canada.

GATHERING: Andante tranquillo *Percy Whitlock*

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: **VU99** Christ, When for Us You were Baptized vs. 1 & 2

CALL TO WORSHIP:

#1-Jesus emerges from the waters.

#2-This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

#3-We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

#4-Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING:

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU99** Christ, when for us You Were Baptized vs. 3 & 4

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Paul Forget—Be near me still *by Fred Hiller*

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:4-11 Read by Rev. Karen Lumley
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **MV115** Behold I Make all things new

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY:

VU93 When Heaven's bright with mystery vs. 4

BLESSING (Written by Rita Swan)

BENEDICTION (**MV89** Love is the touch of intangible joy vs. 1)

**Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in G *Noel Rawsthorne*

Announcements

Our soloist this week is Paul Forget. Thank you, Paul, for sharing your ministry of music with us today.

A special thanks to Rita Swan who wrote the liturgy for today and led in worship. Rita is a student with the United Church Licensed Lay Worship Leadership course.

Thanks to all who donated hygiene items, winter coats, sweaters, mitts, boots, shoes and food for Oak Table-1JustCity. It was appreciated.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

- *1 Samuel 3:1-20
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1Corinthians 6:12-20
- *John 1:43-51

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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Just A Warm Sleep Just Opened!

Here's a shot of our crew before we opened the doors.

- Bear Paw Security thanks to funding from End Homelessness Winnipeg.
- **Smiling Intake staff thanks to YOU!!!!!!**
- Housing Coordinators thanks to the United Church of Canada Foundation.
- Meals from Fionn MacCools on every mat thanks to Fionn's Food Fund Donors.
- **Masks for guests (everyone tonight needed one) toiletries and socks thanks to YOU!**



Tonight Barbie and her partner were outside at 7:30pm, excited for the safe place to sleep.

Barbie says, **"This is the best place to sleep cause we get to be normal, as in together. As a couple, we never want to be apart and so we like it here cause we don't get split up. When we're split up I don't sleep anyway."**

Your support, if you've given already, is what makes this happen! Thanks to your generosity, we've reached the full \$10,000 match for the renovation. THANK YOU!

However, we still have not raised all the new costs associated with Covid-19 to make the renovated space up to pandemic prevention standards.

If you haven't given yet, and can, please do!

Your donation supports the next 'normal' sleep Barbie and her partner get to access.

We can't do this without your generous gifts!!!

Sincerely,

The 1JustCity Team

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.



Stewardship
Seconds

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

