



Sunday, January 24, 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

Report on the Stewardship Campaign

It is with great appreciation that we extend our collective thank you for your generosity during the 2021 Stewardship Campaign. We have been blessed by your commitment to the life and work of St. Andrews during this challenging time.

Although the overall amount is slightly less than last year, we had feared that it would be significantly less!

Thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful approach to funding all of the initiatives that St. Andrews undertakes.

In the event that you have not yet made a commitment, please feel free to send your card to Bill Craddock at the church office.

More details on the campaign results will be available in the Annual Report that will be sent to you in February.

Sincerely,

*Greg Fearn
Clark Brownlee
Bill Craddock
Iris Mckay
Glenn Neufeld"*



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: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling *arr. Robert Hobby*

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND: Written by Rita Swan

OPENING HYMN: **VU240** Praise My Soul the God of Heaven vs. 1 & 2

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021)*

For God alone our souls wait in silence. **In God alone do our spirits find peace.**

For God alone is our rock and our salvation.

In God alone does our faith remain unshaken.

Pour out your hearts before God. **For God is our refuge and our strength.**

Put your trust in God. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

CANDLE LIGHTING: Written by Rita Swan

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU240** Praise My Soul the God of Heaven vs. 3 & 5

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Judy Oatway— "Come, Thou dear Redeemer" *written by Cesar Franck.*

Come Thou, come Thou dear Redeemer

Come, Lord Jesus to set us free.

From our fears and sins release us,

Let us find our rest in Thee.

Hope of all the Earth Thou art,

Joy of every longing heart.

Come Thou, come Thou dear Redeemer

Born a child, yet Thou art a King

Born to reign in us forever,

Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

Rule in all our hearts alone.

Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-10 read by Rita Swan

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU620** Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit vs. 1 & 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916: Written by Rita Swan

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY:

VU93 When Heaven's bright with mystery vs. 4

BLESSING

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: What God does is done aright (*Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan*) *arr. Franz Liszt*

Announcements

A special thank you to Rita Swan our Lay Worship Leader who led us in worship today!

A special thank you to our singer Judy Oatway, thank you for the gift your music brings to us and for subbing in for Sarah at such late notice!

If you are at the Wellington or have a family member there our Sunday services are viewed Thursday afternoons at 3:00. A special viewing is arranged for our United Church folks.

If you or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

If anyone is willing to organize or be a part of a phone call ministry to our faith community let Rev. Karen Lumley know. It is one small way we can be there for one another.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 11

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Mark 1:21-28:

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?

