

The Ten Commandments



Sunday, March 7, 2021



Lent is defined as the period of 40 days that Christians observe from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is often marked with giving up something one really likes. It is a reflective time of penitence in preparation for Easter. It is a time of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert of 40 days. Let us as ponder these things in our hearts.

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

Update on Church Re-Opening

A new Health Order was issued on February 12 that provides for a modest relaxation of restrictions on attendance at religious services. The Church Council met Tuesday and we decided that for the time being, we will continue with on-line services only. We recognize the spiritual needs of our members and know that some members are unable to access the service on line. We are not re-opening for anyone to attend, but are wanting to offer the opportunity for those who would like to come who cannot access it on a computer at home. You are certainly welcome to attend the recording sessions.

Please call or email the Church Office to register if possible, however, you can come and be screened at the door. You can enter the sanctuary through the Kingsway entrance (east side door). Come join us Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. for our recording.

Glenn Neufeld
Re-Opening Committee and Member of Church Council



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: Preamble *Louis Vierne*

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 91

The heavens tell the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

More to be desired are they than gold, sweeter also than the honeycomb.

Let the words of our mouths and the mediation of our hearts

Be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

OPENING HYMN: **VU642** Be Thou My Vision vs. 1 & 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: **VU642** Be Thou My Vision vs. 4 & 5

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Nicki LeGrand – Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-17 read by Ruth McKenzie

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

HYMN: **VU274** Your Hand, O God, has guided vs. 1 & 2

SERMON

HYMN: **VU274** Your Hand, O God has guided vs. 3 & 4

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

Response: VU378 Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU149** Were the whole realm of nature mine vs. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small:

love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

BLESSING: Abindgon Worship Annual 2021

Blessed by God's wisdom, **we go forth refreshed and renewed.**

Called by Christ, **we go now to serve.**

Amazed by God's love, **we go now to love.**

BENEDICTION (VU422 God be with you till we meet again vs.1)

God be with you till we meet again;

loving counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE: Psalm 19 - The heavens declare the glory of God *Benedetto Marcello, arr. Theodore Dubois*

Announcements

Each week we will mention people from our congregation who are in care facilities. Remember them in your prayers. This week we will remember those in the Wellington, send them a card or give them a call.

- Audrey Belyea Apt. 225
- Marjorie Eckert Apt. 220
- Joyce Rich Apt. 312
- Eleanor & Bob Siddall Apt. 415
- Shirley Keats Apt. 405

A special thanks to Anne Grewar who was the Chair of the Council for the past two years. In the AGM thank you's she was forgotten. Thank you Anne for your faithfulness, integrity and perseverance through an ever changing year where learning ZOOM was a necessity, coping and adjusting to meetings online and to an ever changing world. Thanks for your patience. We were blessed to have you serve as our Chair.

Heather Kozak and Matt Synder had a baby daughter Claire Valdine Synder on February 27th. She was 9 lbs and 22 ' long. Congrats to mom and dad and to grandpa and grandpa (Lawrence & Marion Kozak)

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!**

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.

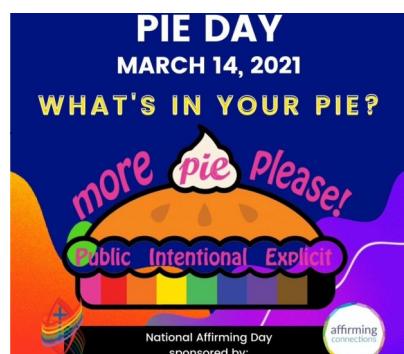


In a generous act of hospitality,
God invites us into ministry.
How shall we then respond?

Announcements

A special thank you to our soloist Nicki LeGrand, this weekend, thank you for sharing your ministry of music with us. Thanks to Ruth McKenzie, Acting Chair of the Worship group, who will read scripture today.

Sunday, March 14th is PIE Day (Public. Intentional. Explicit) These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. It is a day to serve some pie and roll out the PIE by celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond. Bake a pie of your choice and join us for a special worship that Sunday.



Bring your PIE to church and let's ZOOM together after the service and share in our PIE. It is a time to connect with one another.

Scripture Readings for next week:

- *Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- *John 3:14-21



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