



Sunday, December 5, 2021



Advent is here! A time for waiting! A time to reflect on the coming Christ Child.

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus we light candles. Each Sunday we light candles:

The First Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Angels

The Second Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Shepherds.

The Third Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Magi.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Mary.

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 elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Family Service Friday December 24th at 12pm: Pre-recorded and viewable online. This will be performed by our youth.

Christmas Eve Communion Friday December 24th at 9:15pm.

Lessons and Carols Friday December 24th at 10:00pm

The evening services will be recorded and edited and will be available as soon as possible after Christmas



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

(Resources from: *The Abingdon Worship Annual*,
2021)

GATHERING: 'Wachet auf, ruft uns die
Stimme' (*Sleepers, Wake*) J. S. Bach

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

A messenger calls, "Prepare the way of the Holy One.
Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts."
**Blessed be the Holy One,
who brings light into the deepest shadows.**
A prophet proclaims, "Make way in the desert for
for the coming of God to live in our midst."
**Blessed be the Holy One,
who comes to live among us in peace.**
Are you ready for the coming Day of God?
Let us worship the one who calls us into light.

HYMN: **VU18** There's a Voice in the Wilderness

GREETING/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND:

Welcome in the name of Christ.
**Welcome to this place of worship, situated on
the Traditional lands of the
Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Na-
tions and homeland of the Métis Nation.**
Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, wor-
ship and wonder.
It is good to be here. It is good to be together.
It is good to be together here in this place and it is
good to connect on line.
Let us continue to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING: The Candle of the Shep-
herds
VU38 Angels We Have Heard on High vs.2

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU20** On Jordan's Bank

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: "And the Glory of the Lord" *from Messi-
ah* (G.F. Handel)
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together:
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Dramatization of Luke 3:1-6 by Fred Cross, Paul
Forget & Susanne Reimer
Sung response: **VU10** Prepare the Way of the Lord

SERMON

HYMN: **VU473** Communion Hymn: Let All Mortal
Flesh

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Written by Alydia Smith-UCC)

As we come to this table... to peace and justice,
are welcome.

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift our hearts in prayer.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is good to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

...We join in the Advent prayer of all your people
"O Come, Emmanuel" ...

And, as we wait and watch for your coming among
us, we proclaim your goodness.
**All sing—VU1 O Come, O Come Emmanuel- vs.
1, 4 & 7**

At this time, we also remember all with ... "This is
the new covenant; remember me"

Gracious God, Breath of peace, Source of love,
We pray for your Spirit.
Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole.
Make us, despite death, alive.
And so we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The body of Christ, **the Bread of Life.**
The lifeblood of Christ, **the Cup of blessing.**
Let us eat and drink together
for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world.
Come for all is ready.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences. We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU74** What Child is This vs. 3

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him. The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU17** O Ancient Love vs. 1
O ancient love, processing through the ages; O hidden love, revealed in human form; O promised love, the dream of seers and sages: O living Love, within our hearts be born, O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

POSTLUDE: Come, Thou long- expected Jesus (*Stuttgart*) *Settings by Malcolm Archer and Raymond Haan*

Announcements

Thanks to our quintet: Susanne Reimer, Nolan Kehler, Paul Forget, Katy Harmer & Judy Oatway. Thank you to Susanne Reimer, Fred Cross & Paul Forget for the dramatization of the scripture today.

If you ordered Cookies for pickup after service today, don't forget to collect them.

Gordon McDiarmid is in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

For those of you who purchased lights on the Memory Tree, your Memory cards are available to pick up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings - they are in individual envelopes in a basket. Please call or email the office if you are not going to be at the church in person and we will mail your cards out to you.

Wreaths are for sale

Pre-order by calling or emailing the church office or Karen at: klumley@standrewsriverheights.com. The proceeds are for Just A Warm Sleep (JAWS), which is a part of 1JustCity. There are copies of the order forms in the narthex. Wreaths now cost \$30 each and will be available after December 8th. The deadline for orders is today, December 5th.

Bible Study continues! Come join us Wednesday's at 9:30am until 10:30am in the lounge. We will be studying Ecclesiastes 10 & 11.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

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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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 12, 2021**. 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 per each name of the remembered person whose name will also be a permanent addition to the Memory Book 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.

There will be a short service in the sanctuary at 4:45pm with the lighting taking place promptly at 5:00pm. We will be following all of the COVID protocols – wearing masks, 6 feet apart and outside. You may also remain in your vehicle to watch the lighting. If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off the order form below by December 10, 2021 with a cheque. The lights will shine continuously from December 12, 2021 to the end of the year, warming your neighbourhood and many hearts.

December 10, 2021 is National Human Rights Day

St. Andrew's Outreach Group is planning an event to commemorate the NHR Day.



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

What? This will be a **virtual online tour** of the Human Rights Museum; we will explore exhibits and hear human rights stories.

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- o We will have an online tour guide to narrate
- o We will see live videos along with the narration

The guide will showcase architecture and engage us in conversations regarding human rights in Canada and around the world.

Date? Friday, December 10 2021

- At no cost to you, you can take the tour from your home with a link sent to you **or** Come to the church where we will have the Virtual tour on a large screen in the sanctuary so enter through the Kingsway doors, the Oak St. entrance will be available for those with mobility difficulties. Time is 6:30pm -7:30pm
- Come a bit early to catch the entire event.

Next Step?

Pick one of the above and let Charlotte in the office know your choice asap. (Deadline to join is December 8th)

NOTE: All of St. Andrew's current Covid-19 Protocols will be closely followed including proof of full vaccination, social distancing and masking.

Thank you from our group: Peter, Kelvin, Jennifer, Sonja, Vinny and Joan

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, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.



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