

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**



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 to 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.

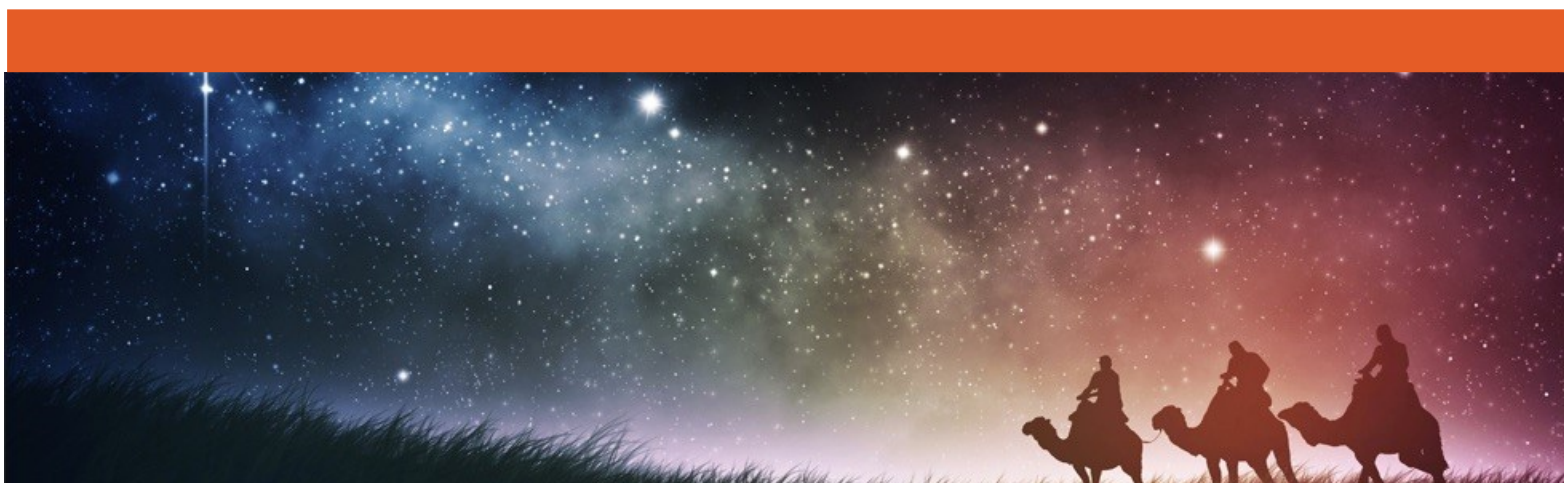
**WASHROOMS:** Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

## **FIND YOUR PLACE**

### **Announcement of Change to Online Services Only**

In light of the sharp escalation in covid cases in Manitoba and the Winnipeg region, your St. Andrew's Church Council has decided to move to Online Services only beginning as of Sunday, January 2, 2022. We will be minimizing the number of participants involved in these recording sessions. This is an interim measure to ensure the ongoing safety of our staff, volunteers and congregation.

We will monitor conditions as they change and return to in-person services as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. We will, of course, keep our congregation apprised of any further changes through the E-Blast communications. This move to online services only for the time being is consistent with what is occurring at many, if not most, of the United Churches in Winnipeg.



**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: Wexford Carol    *arr. Mark Hayes*

### CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021)

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

**Glory to God in the highest.**

Darkness covers the earth,

**but God's glory shines brightly.**

Lift up your eyes, Look around.

**The light of God's love shines radiantly.**

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

HYMN: **VU36** Angels, from the Realms of Glory vs. 1 & 3

♪ **Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;**

**Ye who sang creation's story,**

**Now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**come and worship, come and worship,**

**Worship Christ the newborn King.**

**Sages, leave your contemplations;**

**Brighter visions beam afar;**

**Seek the great desire of nations;**

**Ye have seen his natal star:**

**come and worship, come and worship,**

**Worship Christ the newborn King. ♪**

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 prepare to worship God.

CANDLE LIGHTING (Adapted The Gathering, Sally Tuffin, St. Paul's U.C., Prescott, Ont.)

Let us welcome the light of Christ.

**We light our own candles to signal the next  
step of our faith journey.**

**We welcome into our lives the light of the  
Christ Child and commit to sharing that light  
with our family and friends, in our community  
and in our world.**

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **VU87** I am the Light of the World

(Refrain) ♪ **I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!**

**If you follow and love**

**You'll learn the mystery**

**Of what you were meant to do and be.**

**When the song of the angels is stilled,**

**When the star in the sky is gone,**

**When the kings and the shepherds have found  
their way home,**

**The work of Christmas is begun:**

**To find the lost and lonely one,**

**To heal the broken soul with love,**

**To feed the hungry children with warmth and  
good food,**

**To feel the earth below, the sky above!**

(Refrain)

**To free the prisoner from all chains,**

**To make the powerful care,**

**To rebuild the nations with strength of good  
will,**

**To seek God's children everywhere!**

**To bring hope to every task you do,**

**To dance at a baby's new birth,**

**To make music in an old person's heart,**

**And sing to the colours of the earth! ♪ (Refrain)**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Three Kings (Peter Cornelius)

Three Kings from Persian lands afar,

To Jordan follow the pointing star:

And this the quest of the travellers three,

Where the newborn King of Jews may be.

Full royal gifts they bear for the King,

Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;

The Kings to Bethlehem make their way,

And there in worship they bend the knee,

As Mary's child in her lap they see;

Their royal gifts they show to the King,

Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem,

The Kings are travelling, travel with them.

The star of mercy, the star of grace,

Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.

Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;

Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Offer thy heart!

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12 read by Rita Swan  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

HYMN: **VU79** Arise, Your Light is Come  
♪**Arise, your light is come!**  
**The Spirit's call obey;**  
**Show forth the glory of your God,**  
**Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come!**  
**Fling wide the prison door;**  
**Proclaim the captives' liberty,**  
**Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come!**  
**All you in sorrow born,**  
**Bind up the broken-hearted ones**  
**And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come!**  
**The mountains burst in song!**  
**Rise up like eagles on the wing;**  
**God's power will make us strong. ♪**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Jesus is the Light.

Sung response: **VU41** Christ is Born

♪**Christ is born; give him glory!**  
**Christ is born; give him glory! ♪**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## 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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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: **VU96** Will You Come and See the Light vs.1  
**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?  
It is shining newly bright,  
though it shone before.  
It will be your guiding star,  
it will show you who you are;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

POSTLUDE: How brightly beams the morning star *arr. Johann Pachelbel*

**YOUR GIFTS MATTER.**

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Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



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

**Announcements**

**A big thank you** to our soloist Paul Forget and to our scripture reader Rita Swan.  
Thanks to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

**Reports** for the Annual Report are due Wednesday, January 5, 2022. A copy of last year's report can be found on the publications on the website

**We are** collecting new socks (wool socks with some acrylic) for JAWS (Just A Warm Sleep). These are handed out every night for those in need of warm socks for the winter months as people come to sleep for the night. Thank you so much for your continued support!

**Scripture Readings for next week:**

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



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