

# <mark>Sunday, January 16, 2022</mark>



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 age.

#### **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: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (Salzburg) arr. Johann Pachelbel

**CENTERING WORDS** 

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022 Come to the feast.

God welcomes us here and on line.

Come to be fed.

Christ nourishes us with love.

Come to be transformed.

The Spirit re-creates us anew each day.

HYMN: **VU101** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise vs.1 & 2

**♪** Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus Christ, to you we raise,

Manifested by the start to the sages from afar' Branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem:

Anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;

And at Cana wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest;

Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine:

Anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest. ♪

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 Nations and homeland of the Métis Nation.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship 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 online.

Let us prepare to worship God.

CANDLE LIGHTING

**OPENING PRAYER** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

HYMN: MV81 Love Us into Fullness

♪ Love us into fullness, touch us with your

grace;

Jesus, in your mercy, draw us to your face.

Love us into fullness, bold us in your care, Cheer us with your presence here and everywhere.

Love us into fullness, and we will be strong; Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO:**VU43** Go Tell It on the Mountain (*Refrain*) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **R** 

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. **R** 

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **R** 

SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:1-11 read by Jan Demeduk

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

#### SERMON

HYMN: **VU606** In Christ There Is No East or West vs. 1 & 2

♪ In Christ there is no easy or west, In him no south or north, But one great family of love Throughout the whole wide earth. In him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord Close binding humankind.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Hear the Good News

Sung response: **VU754** Psalm 27 **God is my light and saving health,** 

I shall not be afraid.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **VU916** A Translation Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens, may your name be made holy, may your dominion come, may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors; and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For your is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: VU81 As with Gladness vs. 3
As they offered gifts most rare
at the manger crude and bare
So may we with holy joy,
free from sin that would destroy
All our costliest treasurers bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

**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: Allegro from 'Suite in D' John Stanley

#### 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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#### **Announcements**

A big thank you to our soloist Chris Donlevy and scripture reader Jan Demeduk. Thanks to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

Bible Study will be post-poned until covid numbers decrease.

**Remember in prayer** Sharon Colina's father, Clifford Ramcharan, who is in the Brandon Regional Health Centre.

**Remember Bonnie** (Paul) Cadieux and family in your prayers Bonnie's father, (Bob Brennan) passed away December 15, 2021. Remember them in your prayers.

**Judi Broeska** passed away on December 30, 2021 after a courageous battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Remember Jack Palmer (husband), Valerie Broeska(daughter), Francisco Gozalez(son-in-law) and grandchildren in your payers at this time.

**Hartley Stinson** is in Palliative Care in his home in Sterling House.

**Remember Kit Jarvis** who is in the Concordia Hospital now recuperating from surgery.

### YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

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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. 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?

**Remember Holly McHaffie's mom** who is in a Senior's Residence in Ottawa, she has Covid and is isolating in her room.

**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:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians
Luke 4:14-21

