



Sunday, January 23, 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: *Holy, holy, holy* (Nicaea) arr. Mark Hayes

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

This day is holy do not mourn or weep.

The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us to bring good news to the poor.

This day is holy and the joy of the holy One is our strength.

**God sends us to proclaim release to the captives,
recovery of sight to the blind, and justice to the oppressed.**

On this day, may the scripture be fulfilled in our hearing:

**May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be pleasing to you, Holy One, our rock and our redeemer.**

HYMN: **VU315** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty vs.1 & 2

♪ **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be. ♪**

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

HYMN: **VU387** Loving Spirit vs. 1, 2 & 3

♪ **Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder,
you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother, you enfold me,
Hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body,
Form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father, you protect me,
Teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder,
Let me see the world from high. ♪**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO: *Ave Verum* by W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria virgine
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit ex sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.*

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for us.
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood,
Be in life and death our food.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 4:14-21 read by Katy Harmer

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU331** The Church's One Foundation vs.1 & 2
♪The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
We are his new creation by water and the Word;
From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
His living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
One charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
To one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led. ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
May the Spirit of God be Upon Us
Sung response: **VU754** Psalm 27
**God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** A Paraphrase
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from form one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love now and 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.**

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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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: *The church's one foundation* (Aurelia) arr. John Marsh

Announcements

A big thank you to our soloist and scripture reader Katy Harmer
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.

Hartley Stinson passed away Friday, January 14th. Remember Margaret Stinson and family in your prayers at this time.

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 prayers at this time.

Remember Kit Jarvis who is in the Concordia Hospital having psyio treatments.

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:

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

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?



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