

Sunday, January 30, 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: *Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered* (Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier) J. S. Bach

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Gathered as a worshipping community,
We respond to God with prayer and praise.

Gathered as a learning community,
We respond to God by listening for God's Word.

Gathered as a compassionate community,

We respond to God with acts of caring.

Gathered as a serving community,
We respond to God as we identify the powerless and stand beside them.

HYMN: VU333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

♪ Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise. ♪

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: MV89 Love is the Touch

♪ Love is the touch of intangible joy;
Love is the force that no fear can destroy;
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
Love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
Love is the will to be whole once again;
Love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
Love is the kingdom their will has begun;
Love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God. ♪

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO: "Lord! Come Away!" by Ralph Vaughan Williams
The words are from 17th century bishop Jeremiah Taylor.

Lord! come away!
Why dost Thou stay?
Thy road is ready; and Thy paths, made straight
With longing expectation, wait
The consecration of Thy beauteous feet!
Ride on triumphantly!
Behold we lay our lusts and proud wills in Thy way!

Hosanna! Welcome to our hearts! Lord, here
Thou hast a temple too; and full as dear
As that of Sion, and as full of sin:
Nothing but thieves and robbers dwell therein;
Enter, and chase them forth, and cleanse the floor!
Crucify them, that they may never more
Profane that holy place

Where Thou hast chose to set Thy face!
And then, if our stiff tongues shall be
Mute in the praises of Thy Deity,
The stones out of the temple wall
Shall cry aloud and call
"Hosanna!" and Thy glorious footsteps greet!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Nolan Kehler

Psalm Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

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

SERMON - Nancy Renwick

HYMN: **VU372** Though I May Speak

♪ **Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Sprit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed. ♪**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

How can we share our caring?

Sung response: **VU754** Psalm 27

**God is my light and saving health,
I shall not be afraid.**

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: **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: *Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'* (Love divine, all loves excelling)
Healey Willan

Announcements

A big thank you to our soloist and scripture reader Nolan Kehler
Thanks to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today. A special thank you for our guest preacher, Nancy Renwick.

Today we have a guest preacher Nancy Renwick.

Nancy Renwick is a member of Augustine United Church, the first Affirming church in Canada. She has been active in worship, communications and social justice initiatives at Augustine and in the broader community. A historian and journalist by training, Nancy shares her 1909 home with her partner and cats, and can regularly be found jogging, canoeing or cross-country skiing in and around Winnipeg. She's watched every episode of every season of the Great Canadian Baking Show and the Great British Baking show, but has yet to master any of the recipes on either. Nancy is a ministry student discerning her call to ministry.

Remember in prayer Sharon & Tom Colina in the passing of Sharon's father Clifford Ramcharan last week and grandfather to Alana and Nicholas.

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

Scripture Readings for next week:

Isiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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



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