



Sunday, February 6, 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 Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes

CENTERING WORDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kathy Knowles-Report from Church Council

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

Great is the grace and glory of God.

We give thanks with hearts of joy.

Great is the strength and mercy of our creator.

We give thanks with hearts of hope.

Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

We give thanks with hearts of faith.

Great is the mercy and compassion of the Holy One.

We give thanks with hearts of love.

HYMN: **MV135** *Called by Earth and Sky* vs. 1 & 2

(Refrain) ♪ **Called by earth and sky,**

Promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

Treasure of life and sanctified,

Called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas,

Deep ocean's dream,

waters of healing, Rivers of rain,

the wash of love again. R

Precious this gift, the air we breathe,

Wind born and free.

Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,

Our gathering and our grace. R ♪

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: **MV135** *Called by Earth and Sky* vs. 3 & 4

(Refrain) ♪ **Called by earth and sky,**

Promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

Treasure of life and sanctified,

Called by earth and sky.

**Precious these mountains, ancient sand,
Vast fragile land.**

Seeds of our waking, rooted and strong,

Creation's faithful song. R

Precious the fire that lights our way,

Bright dawning day.

Fire of passion, sorrows undone,

Our faith and justice one. R ♪

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: **MV113** *Jesus Saw Them Fishing*

Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,

Casting out their nets into the sea.

Simon, Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,

Waiting in their boats so patiently **R**

(Refrain) And Jesus said, "Oh, come and follow me.

Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.

Oh, come and fish with me,

And your life will never be the same again."

A rice young person came to Jesus looking for advice.

"How can I obtain eternal life?"

Jesus told him, "Honour the commandments of the Lord.

Then sell off all your riches for the poor." **R**

"If you want to follow me, deny your very self.

Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.

This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,

But nothing is impossible with God." **R**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 5:1-11 Read by Ruth McKenzie

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU509** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

♪ **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

**I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart. ♪**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Teach us to walk humbly on this land.
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.

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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With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from 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.**

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: *A Trumpet Minuet* Alfred Hollins

Announcements

A big thank you to our soloist Nicki LeGrand and scripture reader Ruth McKenzie. Thanks to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

Remember Alice Faveri and her family in your prayers, Bob Faveri passed away on January 22.

Remember Bonnie Cross in your prayers she is in the Victoria Hospital.

Kit Jarvis has moved to West Park Manor.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

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



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