



Sunday, February 20, 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

Re-Start of In-Person Services at St. Andrew's

Your Church Council is excited to announce that In-Person services at St. Andrew's will be reinstituted beginning Sunday, March 6. It has been a long wait and we thank you for your patience. The indications are that the Omicron wave has peaked with hospitalizations and ICU numbers starting to decline. As such, we feel it safe to begin meeting in person.

Manitoba Health Orders have now removed capacity restrictions for religious gatherings and for rules related to vaccination status. However, we will continue to require proof of vaccination for persons 12 years and older and the wearing face masks to attend services in person. We will also continue to follow social distancing protocols regarding seating and the interactions with others attendees. All of this is with the proviso that pandemic statistics continue to decline.

With the start of in-person services on March 6, we will then record the service on Sunday mornings, to be downloaded for viewing the following Monday or Tuesday. It is important to continue to offer this on-line option for those who may not yet be comfortable to attend in person or cannot attend for health reasons.

We look forward to getting back to some form of normalcy in worshipping together.
Your Church Council



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: *Saraband and Interlude* Herbert Sumsion

CENTERING WORDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

HYMN: **VU593** *Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love* vs.1, 2 & 3

♪ (refrain) **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. R**

**Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. R**

**These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all are neighbours to us and you. 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

HYMN: **VU266** *Amazing Grace* vs.1 & 2
♪ **Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed. ♪**

OPENING PRAYER

SOLO: "*Walk Humbly With Thy God*" - text: from Micah 6:8, music: George Frideric Handel
Walk in love, walk in love, as Christ hath loved us, as Christ loved us.

Walk in love, as Christ hath loved us. Walk ye humbly with thy God,
walk ye humbly, humbly with thy God, with thy God.

This the Lord requires of thee: to do justly, to do justly, loving mercy;
Walk humbly, walk humbly with thy God. Walk ye humbly with thy God,
walk in love, as Christ hath loved us, walk in love as Christ hath loved us.
Walk humbly with thy God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 45:3, 11, 15

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38 Read by Fred Cross

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU266** *Amazing Grace* vs.3, 4 & 5
♪ **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
This word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been here ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun. ♪**

MINUTE FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION—Calls to Action

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Loving our enemies is a hard teaching to follow.

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.

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: *My soul cries out - Canticle of the Turning* (found in More Voices #120) Music by Rory Cooney, arranged by Mark Hayes

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 and scripture reader Fred Cross. Another big thank you to our guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Raymond Cuthbert. Thanks to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

Rev. Dr. Raymond Cuthbert will be our guest preacher on Sunday, February 20th. Ray was ordained in Winnipeg in 1979 and in addition to pastoral ministry, served on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. He was Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada from 2004-2006.

Prior to retirement, he served 18 years as the founding minister at Broadway Disciples United Church here in Winnipeg. He has recently served as a member of the Full Communion Dialogue Group of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Canada. He currently worships at Westworth United Church.

The Sox Box at Just A Warm Sleep is getting scarily low. Drop off warm socks gifting warm feet again. The socks can be dropped off in the Sox Box that is now outside Karen's office door.

It's that time of year again! Our AGM is coming up! We will be running the AGM through Zoom this year on February 27th at 11:30am!

Check the eblast for info on how to sign up for the Zoom AGM, you will receive an email with the link that and passcode that will be accessible on that day.

Please Email the office if you would like the dial in information

The council meeting minutes for January are now available to view online on our website!

The 2021 Annual Report is now uploaded to our website, it is viewable online if you would like to pick up one at the church please email the church office. Some are being mailed out if you would like one mailed to you email the church office.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, is a booklet which affirms the rights of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different, and to be respected as such.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action A Resource for Churches, which is available online and for pick up outside Karen's office contains both books. As a people of faith, we are encouraged to address the issues of colonization and the injustices against the Indigenous peoples of our land. We are called to action as we journey together on the Road of Reconciliation. "The road of reconciliation and justice is long, and there will be hurdles along the way, but these documents can help to chart a path to a right relationship."

Scripture Readings for next week:

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

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.



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



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