



Sunday, February 27, 2022



Transfiguration Sunday

The final Sunday following Epiphany, and before Lent, is Transfiguration Sunday. All three of the synoptic gospels tell a story of Peter, James, and John accompanying Jesus to the top of a holy mountain. There, before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured or transformed into a dazzling brightness. Today is Transfiguration Sunday.

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

*(A Reflective Service, resources adapted from
Gord Dunbar for Re-entering the World)*

GATHERING: *Gagliarda* Bernhard Schmid

CENTERING WORDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Christ invites us into this digital space,
welcoming us into community through virtual connection.

Next Sunday we have in person services once again.

Some of us will come and others of us are not yet ready to come.

We will meet in person and on line at another time.

We come worried, weary and wondering if we make a difference.

We come wondering how it will feel, different, the same?

We come, for the second year in a row we have returned to in-person worship.

Come, then, to rediscover the meaning and purpose of following the Way of Jesus.

Whether we come in person or on line we support one another beyond these walls.

It has been hard proclaiming the good news in a pandemic, feeling daunted by the demands of our mission.

Come to return to our prophetic calling of loving justice,

Of seeking kindness and of walking humbly with our God.

Come to face what seems like the end of the road, pressing forward in faith.

We come, some now, some later and some will watch on line for a while longer.

Listen, for God has a word or two for us.

HYMN: **VU103** *How Good, Lord, to Be Here* vs.1 & 2

♪ **How good, Lord, to be here!**

Your glory gills the night;

**Your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**How good, Lord, to be here,
Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Your messengers of old. ♪**

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: **VU103** *How Good, Lord to be Here* vs.3 & 5

♪ **Fulfiller of the past**

And hope of things to be,

We hail your body glorified,

And our redemption see!

How good, Lord, to be here!

Yet we may not remain;

But, since you bid us leave the mount,

Come with us to the plain. ♪

OPENING PRAYER

SOLO: *O, Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me* (Lekberg)

O, Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising,

Thou understandest my thought afar off.

For there is not a word on my tongue, but, lo,

O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

If I ascended up into heaven, thou art there:

If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me,

And thy right hand shall hold me.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me,

O God, O God! When I awake,

I am still with thee.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 1:1-16 by Susanne Reimer

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU264** *Immortal, Invisible* vs. 1 & 4
♪ **Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light in accessible hid from our eyes;
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee! ♪**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We are challenged.

Sung response: **MV90** Don't Be Afraid

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,

My love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger

and I have promised, promised to be always near.

MINUTE FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

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 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: *Grand Choeur Dialogue* Eugene Gigout

Announcements

A big thank you to our soloist and scripture reader Susanne Reimer.
Thanks to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of
the service today.

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 today! We will be running the
AGM through Zoom this year after service today at 11:30am!

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 en-
couraged 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 reconcilia-
tion 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:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-7
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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.



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



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