



Sunday, March 27 2022



Lent is defined as the period of 40 days that Christians observe from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It is often marked with giving up something one really likes. It is a reflective time of penitence in preparation for Easter. It is a time of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter.

By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert of 40 days. Let us as ponder these things in our hearts.

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 uploaded 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: *Two settings of 'The King of Love my Shepherd is'*

Tune 'Dominus regit me' arr. Eric Thomas

Tune 'St. Columba' arr. Reginald Hobby

CENTERING WORDS

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (The Abindgon Press, 2022)

Like a loving Father, God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

Like a merciful Mother, God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

In God's mercy, we are a new creation.

Like a forgiving Parent, God welcomes us home with open arms.

In God's embrace, we are a new creation.

Come! Let us worship the one, who makes all things new.

HYMN: **VU348** *O Love, How Deep* vs. 1, 3 & 7
♪ **O love, how deep, how broad, how high!**
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, in Jesus Christ, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake/

For us he was baptized, and bore
A holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharply knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

To God whose boundless love has won
Salvation for us through the Son,
To God all praise and glory be
Both now and through eternity. ♪

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 Na-
tions 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

Candle response: **MV67** *Kyrie Eleison* (Bridget)
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

OPENING PRAYER

SOLO: Paul Forget - *Love Bade Me Welcome*
(Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,

If I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:

Love said, You shall be he.

I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,

I cannot look on thee.

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.

And know you not, says Love, who bore the
blame?

My dear, then I will serve.

You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:

So I did sit and eat.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Clark Brownlee

Psalm Reading: Psalm 32 VU759

ANTHEM: *God So Loved the World* (Stainer from
Crucifixion, John Stainer)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;

But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

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

SERMON

HYMN: *New Patterns of Loving* (text by Barbara Hamm, from Songs for the Holy Other, tune is **VU223**)

♪ **New patterns of loving make room for new ways,
creating new families to care for and raise.
All those who have loved us and helped us to grow
Are families of choice by the caring they show.**

**Our ancestry marks us with visible signs;
We bear in our bodies genetic designs.
But love, beyond limits of gender or race,
Can fashion new families, and new ways embrace.**

**God bless all the mothers and fathers today;
Help us to raise children to walk in God's way,
To care for each other as children of God,
Whose love is inclusive, far-reaching, and broad. ♪**

MINUTE FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
God's love has no limits.
Sung response: **VU950** Stay with me
**Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.
Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** A Translation

HYMN: **VU112** O God, How We Have Wandered
♪ **O God, how we have wandered and hidden
from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of
grace.
But how, in exile dwelling, we turn with fear
and shame,
As distant but compelling, you call us each by
name.**

**And now at length discerning the evil that we
do,**

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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**By faith we are returning with hope and trust
in you.**

**In haste you come to meet us, and home re-
joicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us with calf and
robe and ring.**

**O God of all the living, both banished and re-
stored,
Compassionate, forgiving, our peace and hope
assured.
Grant now that our transgressing, our faith-
lessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon,
and in peace. ♪**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **MV191** *What Can I
Do?*

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: Go With Us
**May the blessing of God,
Who made us in love,
Who made us for companionship,
And who made us to enhance the world,
Go with us as we leave this place,
Go with us where life calls us to be.
We go, but not alone.
We go, but not alone.
We go, we go, loved and blessed,
To be a blessing. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: *Toccata prima* Johannes Speth

Announcements

A big thank you to our quartet of singers: Judy Oatway, Susanne Reimer, Chris Donlevy & Paul Forget. Thank you to our scripture reader Clark Brownlee. Thank you to Tyler Craddock and Fred Cross for arranging the recording of the service today.

Memorial Flowers What is the Memorial Flowers Fund? Every year during Lent, St. Andrew's raises money for the St. Andrew's Flower Fund in memory of loved ones. Donations can be made in amounts of your choosing and you can name as many people as you wish. All loved ones so named will be listed in an In Memoriam section in our order of service on Easter Sunday. This fund is used to purchase flowers/plants to decorate the church during special times of the year. If you would like your 'In Memoriam' to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please forward the form and your donation to the church office by mailing it in or dropping it off in the mailbox no later than Monday, April 11th, 2022. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms are located in the narthex or can be found on our website under "publications/forms".

Tuesday, March 29 a private family service will be held at 11:15 at St. Andrew's remembering Robert Brian Cook.

Thursday, April 28th a service of Celebration for Doreen Morrow will be held at St. Andrew's at 2:00 with a reception to follow.

Remember in Prayer:

Remember in Prayer those at The Wellington, 3161 Grant Avenue R3R 3R1
Audrey Belyea, Marjorie Eckert, Joyce Rich, Bob Siddall and Phyllis Thomson.

Margaret Hinchcliffe, Christine, Patrick, Catherine & Vivian Adamson, in the passing of Ted Hinchcliffe husband, father and grandfather.

Betty & Lou Jubinville passing of Lou's brother Jules and Betty's brother John Scott who passed away Sunday morning.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4-14

John 12:1-8

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 hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?



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