



## LET'S TALK CHURCH

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**



Last month was Stewardship Month, World Communion and Thanksgiving. This past week we celebrated Remembrance Day and now for the next few weeks until Advent, we rest in the Hope of God's presence in our faith journey, knowing that God is at work in our world. We wait for the coming of the Christ Child, even now, for he is the Hope of the World.

### 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.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Each month we will feature a different group of the church. This month we are featuring The Church Council, formerly known as the Service Team and Board.

### Purpose:

- First and foremost to further the mission of the church in all of its manifestations
  - ◇ build community
  - ◇ widen the base of involvement without a major commitment to "chair" a group
  - ◇ encourage collaboration among interest groups
  - ◇ provide ways to have people become interested in serving or simply joining interest groups
  - ◇ allow for presentations by all interest groups to the service team as needed or desired
  - ◇ simplify the lives of those wanting to be part of an interest group but not necessarily commit to long service on committees or as Committee Chairs
  - ◇ simplify the nominations process

**Membership:** The team will consist of nine members acting as one unit, there is no executive. Members will be representatives of the Congregation of St. A. Members will remain part of the Team for two years or as long as they remain chairs of the committees as identified. The ministry personnel are a part of the team but are not voting members (as per the regulations of the United Church of Canada).

The following are the members:

- ◇ Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair, Secretary, M&P Chair, Treasurer, Presbytery Rep., two members-at-large, Ministers
- ◇ Members are selected for their dedication to providing spiritual leadership for SARHUC
- ◇ There is an attempt to provide a balance within the team so that a variety of interests and the demographics of the congregation are met

### Accountability:

- The team is accountable to the congregation of St Andrew's and to Winnipeg Prairie to Pine formerly known as Presbytery
- Each Interest Group (Committee) is accountable to the ST
- Each team member will act as a liaison person to one or more interest groups
- Interest groups will provide written reports to the ST a minimum of quarterly
- Interest groups will be in attendance at ST meetings a minimum of once a year
- Both the ST and the interest groups will be accountable to the policies and protocols of SARHUC as they currently exist

If you have any questions ask them at Church, call or email them.

## Order of Service

GATHERING: *Be Thou my Vision* arr. Phillip Keveren

### CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022*

God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

**The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.**

God rejoices over Jerusalem, and takes delight in God's people.

**The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.**

Before we call out, God will answer.

While we are still speaking, God will hear.

**The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.**

They will neither harm nor destroy on God's holy mountain.

**We worship the one who makes all things new.**

HYMN: **MV1** *Let Us Build a House* vs. 1, 4 & 5

♪ **Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,**

**a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,**

**rock of faith and vault of grace;**

**here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,**

**all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone**

**to heal and strengthen, serve and teach**

**and live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger**

**bear the image of God's face;**

**let us bring an end to fear and danger:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,**

**all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard**

**and love and treasured,**

**taught and claimed**

**as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter,**

**prayers of faith and songs of grace;**

**let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,**

**all are welcome in this place. ♪**

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

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 continue to worship with our God.

#### LIGHTING THE CANDLES

#### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU713** *I See a New Heaven*

♪ (refrain) **I see a new heaven.**

**I see a new earth as the old one will pass away, where the fountain of life flows**

**and without price goes to all people who abide in the land.**

**There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,**

**yielding her fruit, from in her root,**

**the Tree of Life will be. R**

**There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,**

**body and soul, struggling but whole**

**like flowers after the rain. R**

**There, there where the darkness brings visions from above .**

**There where the night, bearing new light, reveals the promise of love. R**

**There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.**

**Labour we must, true to our trust**

**to build a promised new land. R ♪**

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Believers, Do Not Grow Weary* (text, 2 Thessalonians 3:13; music, Erin Craig)

Believers, do not grow weary.

Do not lose heart in doing what is right.



**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.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:6-13 read by Sarah Witiuk

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

HYMN: **MV115** *Behold I Make All Things New*

♪ **Behold, (behold), behold, (behold), I make things new, beginning with you and starting from today.**

**Behold, (behold), behold, (behold), I make things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. ♪**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Teach us what it means to serve.

Sung response: **MV123** *Day After Day*

**Day after day, night after night,  
you speak through everything.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU299** *Teach Me, God, to Wonder* vs.1

**Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;**

**let your world of beauty capture me.**

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,**

**life be celebrated, joy you give.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU228** *Sing Praises to God* vs. 4

**Sing praises to God! Thanksgiving and song**

**be ever outpoured, all ages along:**

**for love in creation, for hope spread abroad,**

**for grace of salvation, sing praises to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Mark Hayes

### **Announcements**

**A special thanks** to everyone who helped with the service and lunch today.

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying 1 Samuel 8:5-7, 11-20.

### **Remember in prayer:**

Carol Ferguson has had a fall and is in Deer Lodge Centre now. Carol was a long-time secretary in St. Andrew's office in the days of Don Pratt, Art Veldhuis, George LeDrew and Barbara Cook.

Holly McHaffie's father has recuperated from Covid but remains in the hospital with breathing issues.

### **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!

A thank you today to our singers and our scripture reader, Sarah Witiuk.

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The Church Council meets once a month on the third Tuesday of every month (not usually July & August).

### **Let's Meet the Church Council**

- Rob Siddall—Chair
- Anne Grewar—Past Chair
- Lisa Richards—Secretary
- Bill Craddock—Treasurer
- Michael Duncan—Ministry & Personnel
- Sarah Witiuk—Member at Large
- Kathy Knowles—Member at Large
- Glenn Neufeld—Member at Large
- Rev. Karen Lumley—Minister

**Church Decorating is happening Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 24, 25 & 26th from 9:00-3:00.** If you can come for an hour or two, an afternoon or morning or one of the days come and join in the Christmas fun of putting up the three trees that go up around the church. It is fun and the time together helps build community.

**The Outdoor Nativity Crèche** needs to go up before November 27th the First Sunday of Advent. If you can help contact John Swan at [swanfam@shaw.ca](mailto:swanfam@shaw.ca)

**This year** we are pleased to announce that we will be able to gather for the lighting of the Memory Tree. To accommodate social distancing, we will gather in the sanctuary at 4:45 pm on December 11 for a short celebratory service, followed by the lighting of the memory tree promptly at 5pm. Dress warm.

This is a marvelous way for the community to dedicate lights in memory of deceased family members and friends.

Memory Tree lights can be purchased by contacting Charlotte in the church office, by completing the order form available at the back of the church or the form available [HERE](#). Each light is \$10.00 per name and represents the person that you wish to remember. You will also receive a beautiful keepsake card for each light you purchase.

Their name will be permanently displayed in the Memory Book in the Narthex. The order forms must be received by December 4 to ensure the name/s is included in the Memory Book.

All proceeds go Jocelyn House Hospice. Tax receipts will also be mailed out.

We look forward to seeing everyone.

### **Cookie Walk December 3 & 4, 2022**

The Cookie Walk will continue in the modified format.

Boxes will be pre-packaged and each box will contain 3 dozen home-made cookies consisting of shortbread and an assortment of cookies. The price per box is \$15.00.

To order cookies, please complete the order form available at the back of the church or contact Charlotte in the church office.

Cookies will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 to 10:00am or Sunday, December 4th after the service.

Order early as quantities are limited.

### **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  
Seconds

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

**Gifts With Vision** catalogues are available at the back of the church for pickup. It is a giving catalogue that is full of gifts that will transform people's lives throughout Canada and the world. Christmas gift-giving is easy and purposeful when you share the gift with someone in need. Supported by Mission & Service-United Church of Canada.

**Got any loose change?** The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their breakfast program.

### **Scripture Readings for next week**

1 Samuel 8:5-7, 11-20  
Luke 1:68-79  
or Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43



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