

REIGN OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 20, 2022



Last month was Stewardship Month, World Communion Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day and now for the next week 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 God is the Hope for our 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: *Fugues in the Sixth Mode*

Johann Pachelbel

Prelude on 'Westminster Abbey' (Christ is made the sure foundation) Andrew Gant

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: *Rejoice the Lord is King* (Tune is VU213 Text by Juanita L. Austin, taken from Gathering, Pentecost 2 2022, page 52)

♪ **Rejoice the Lord is King,
a most unlikely kind,
who softens hardened hearts
and opens up closed minds.**

Chorus: **Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Behold the servant king,
who kneels to lift the weak.
Forsaking privilege,
he is the one we seek.**

**He came to set us free
from selfishness and pride,
break down the walls of hate
with love that reaches wide.**

**Come people of the earth,
with courage let us stand
and follow such a king
in each and every land ♪**

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 our God.

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed be the Sovereign, the God of Israel,
**who has looked favourably on God's people and
redeemed them.**

God has raised up a mighty Saviour for us in the house

of God's servant David,
**as God spoke through the mouth of God's holy
prophets from of old.**

Blessed be the Sovereign, the God of Israel.

Let us worship God.

HYMN: **VU325** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

♪ **Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and its confidence alone.**

**To this temple where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with your faithful loving-kindness
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away..**

**Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain,
and here after in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run. ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Bless the Lord O My Soul* (Raney)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

Let all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And remember God's great mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

Let earth and sky and heaven bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And sing God's praise forever.

Bless the Lord, whose almighty power
Renews our strength when hope is gone.

Bless the Lord, whose abounding love
Can take an empty heart and fill it with a song!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
And sing God's praise forever and ever.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.



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: Read by Ruth McKenzie
Responsive Psalm: **VU776** Psalm 46 2nd Refrain
Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:5-7, 9, 11-20
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Lorenz Sarrondo - *Let us strive to be like our Savior* (Composed by: Johann Sebastian Bach)
Let us strive to be like our Savior
Follow in His footsteps true
Ever forth toward heaven marching
Learning still more pure to be
Standing fast in spirit free.

Through His love all good bestowing!
Blessed Savior, stand by me;
Lead Thou on, I follow Thee!
Let us strive to be like our Savior
He our risen Lord and King
We partake of His salvation
As in truth alone we live
Oh, what blessings he doth give.

Faithful friend of man and nation!
Savior, may we live for Thee;
May we ever faithful be!

REFLECTION

HYMN: **VU30** *Hail to God's Own Anointed*
♪ **Hail to god's own anointed, great David's greater Son!**
Hail, in the time appointed, God's reign on earth begun!
Christ comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

Christ comes with justice surely to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

Christ shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains

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from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever: the name to us is Love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Living and eternal God,
... O Holy God, you sent Jesus the Christ to call people from their selfishness and isolation into fellowship with you.

Help us this day to do your will on earth as it is done in heaven.

May we see in each person we meet
... and send your rain on the just and the unjust.

Holy Spirit, help us this day to worship you in spirit and in truth.

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

We are blessed by our Creator, King, Shepherd, Rock, Refuge, Trinity, Holy One and hundreds of other names that describe our God.

God is with us always giving guidance, strength, and hope.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

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: *Finale Jubilante* Healey Willan

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you! A special thank you to Doreen Craddock for all of her help with the sandwich lunch last week. A thank you to the Council members who supplied the lunch. A thank you today to our singers, soloist Lorenz Sarrondo and our scripture reader, Ruth McKenzie.

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You will have recently received your pledge card for the 2023 year. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the church for the new year. Every commitment is welcomed and appreciated! As we continue to move through Covid-19 we are reminded of the gifts that we have received and how our lives have been impacted.

Wreaths are for sale:

The wreaths are \$30.00 and the proceeds are for Just A Warm Sleep (JAWS) which is a part of Augustine Centre-1JustCity. The wreaths are available Sundays after the service and during the week upon request. Wreaths are available immediately beginning this Sunday, November 20th.

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

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. 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 homemade 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.

Note to all Council and Interest group members:

We require your support to make this a successful event.

Please sign up to make 10 dozen cookies.

To the congregation:

We need your continued support to help to make this event a success. All donations welcome.

Please deliver the cookies to the church upstairs kitchen on Thursday December 1st.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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?

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



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