



Sunday, November 27, 2022



Advent is a time of waiting, anticipation, peace, hope, joy and love as we look forward to the long-awaited birth of the Christ Child. In Advent, we are anticipating the arrival of the baby Jesus the Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Saviour and Coming King. It is a time we are waiting for God, for the birth of hope, for the arrival of new life. As we wait, we prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of God. We ask God to shape us and to prepare our hearts for the long-awaited Prince of Peace. May we begin to understand God's vision of Peace, Hope, Joy and Love each week as we light the candles.

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
(Advent 1 - Peace)

GATHERING: *Christ be our Host* (tune 'Earth and all Stars') arr. Robert Hobby

Come Thou long expected Jesus (Stuttgart) arr. Paul Bryan

BREAKING NEWS: Jocelyn Carlson & Jamie Mainprize

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *(Kairos-a religious organization that works together for ecological justice and human rights around the globe)*

Welcome to this service of worship.

We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning.

For many thousands of years, the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota Nations and Metis nations have sought to walk gently on this land.

They offered assistance to the first European travelers to this territory and shared their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate.

We seek a new relationship with the Original peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

♪ **Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne. ♪**

CENTERING WORDS

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

Come, let's go together to God's mountain-a **mountain of God's glory and peace.**

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival-the **birth of the Prince of Peace.**

Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.

Clothed in Christ's love, we are ready to worship and pray.

CANDLE LIGHTING: *Gathering, 2019/2020 written by Gordon Dunbar, adapted*

In this season of expectant waiting, we wonder and **we long for peace.**

Conflict is all around us. So many wars. So much destruction.

Too many deaths. Too much loss.

Too much tragedy. **We long for peace.**

God's goodness commands us to work for peace.

God's challenge calls us to peace and justice for all.

We long for peace.

HYMN: *We Light a Candle* (Valerie Kingsbury and Christopher Bowman) vs.2

**We light a candle for all people
who join the angel song.**

**In speaking peace to every heart
we make creation strong.**

A candle's light will guide our way.

The gift of peace is ours today.

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PRAYER

HYMN: **VU25** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

♪ **Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the Lamb for sinners slain!**

**Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:**

hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

God appears on earth to reign.

**Every eye shall then behold you,
robed in awesome majesty;
all who jeered, and mocked, and sold you,
pierced, and nailed you to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.**



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.

Now redemption, long expected
see in solemn pomp appear;
all the saints, by us rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come
quickly!
Everlasting Christ, come down. ♪

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Heavenly Light* (A. Kopylow, arr. Wil-
housky)
Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great
and small to shine,
O Light Divine!
May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly
light.
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salva-
tion!

All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sa-
cred altar.
Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!
Show us the way unto our God, we pray,
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be.
Light Divine, we praise thee!

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 Read by
Vinny Ashton
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU465** *Christ, Be Our Host* vs.1, 2 & 3
♪ **Christ, be our Host, welcoming, greeting:
this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Hear us, we pray, entrance entreating:
this is the banquet your love has prepared!**

(refrain) **Come to the table where mercies are
spread!
Come to the feast, all who hunger!**

**Christ, be our Bread, broken and given:
this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Here, you provide the manna from heaven:
this is the banquet your love has prepared! R**

**Christ, be our Wine, gift of creation:
this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Made by your death Cup of Salvation:
this is the banquet your love has prepared! R ♪**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(From *Advent Unwrapped* written by Alydia Smith
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VU1)

As we come to this table...
...are welcome here.

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift our hearts in prayer.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is good to give God thanks and praise.

HYMN: **VU1** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* refrain

Let us pray...
...We join in the Advent prayer of all your people,

HYMN: **VU1** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* refrain

And, as we wait...
...whenever you do this, remember me."

Gracious God, Breath of peace,
Source of love,
we pray for your Spirit.
**Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole.
Make us, despite death, alive.**

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, Vinny Ashton. A big thank
you to everyone who helped out with deco-
rating the church on the inside and outside,
we really appreciate it!

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HYMN: VU1 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* refrain

And so we pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ,
the Bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.

Let us eat and drink together
for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, God,
for breaking into our world
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.
We thank you, God,
for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We live in Advent peace, O God.
Sung response: **VU900** *Song of Zechariah*
**God shall fulfill the promise
and bring the people peace.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Each of Us Has Treasures* (Valerie Kingsbury and Christopher Bowman)

**Each of us has treasures, off'rings we can share.
Arms to hold and comfort, words to show we care.
Gifts of time and talent at the manger lay.
All we have to give, we offer on this day.**

BLESSING:

Peace be with you, **and also with you.**
Go forth to bring peace to the world.

BENEDICTION: **VU10** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

**Prepare the way of the Lord!
Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a straight path for him make a straight path;
Prepare the way of the Lord!**

POSTLUDE: *O come, o come Emmanuel* arr. Mark Hayes

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?

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.

Scripture Readings for next week

*Isaiah 11:1–10
Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19
Romans 15:4–13
Matthew 3:1–12



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