



**Sunday, January 15, 2023**



Epiphany follows the Christmas story of the babe born in the manger. It is a season especially set apart for adoring the glory of Christ. It means manifestation of glory and leads us to the contemplation of Christ as King upon a throne leading us to the Season of Lent. The Epiphany Season is a happy time for us to keep the bright lights about our homes, and to remember the miraculous birth and guiding star of Bethlehem so long ago.

#### **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**

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

**ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE:** Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

**BIBLE STUDY:** We meet Tuesday mornings starting January 17th at 9:30am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact [klumley@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:klumley@standrewsriverheights.com)

**BOOK CLUB:** We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! [Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

**OUTREACH:** Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

**PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS:** Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer at [j.demeduk@hotmail.com](mailto:j.demeduk@hotmail.com)

**ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC:** Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! [Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea. If you are interested, email the church office at [office@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:office@standrewsriverheights.com).

### **Upcoming Services:**

- Sunday, January 22 - Season of Light
- Sunday, January 29 - Outreach Sunday with guest speaker Josh Ward
- Sunday, February 5 - Called to be Salt



**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: *Passacaglia and Gigue* Douglas Wagner

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering Resources, Epiphany, 2023, written by Richard Bott.*

Come, people of God!

**We come, called by God to be witnesses to the light.**

with John the Baptizer, **with all the disciples,**  
with our sisters, brothers, and siblings throughout the ages,

**we gather to sing, to pray, to worship our God!**

Alleluia! **Alleluia, amen!**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *(The Government of Canada) Unison*

**We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene People's, and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this land.**

HYMN: **VU101** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* vs.1, 2 & 4

♪ **Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus Christ, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in your birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to you addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest,  
in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to you addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy Word;  
with your grace our lives endow,  
grace to imitate you now,  
that we like to you may be  
at your great epiphany,  
anthems be to you addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest. ♪**

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER

HYMN: **VU625** *I Feel the Winds of God*  
♪ **I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest,  
and brave another cruise.**

**It is the wind of God that dries  
my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise  
the purer, brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze,  
and I'll put back to sea.**

**If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
light high the bloodred flag above;  
it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift. ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Responsive Psalm: **VU756** Psalm 29

ANTHEM: *Gather by the River to Pray* (traditional, arr. Pepper Choplin)

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ole way;  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, come on down.  
O brother, let's go down to the river pray.

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver  
And provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 3:13-17  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU644** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*  
♪ I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold. ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
Jesus, you call each of us to minister to one another.  
Help us.  
Sung response: **MV101** *Jesus You Fill Our Hearts*  
**Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,**  
**our minds with your peace,**  
**and our lives with your joy**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Translation*  
**Our Father-Mother, who is in**  
**the heavens,**

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

**May your name be made holy,**  
**May your dominion come,**  
**May your will be done,**  
**On earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us today the bread we need;**  
**And forgive us our debts,**  
**As we have forgiven our debtors;**  
**And do not put us to the test,**  
**But rescue us from evil.**  
**For yours is the dominion, and the power,**  
**And the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU544** *In Gratitude* (tune **VU518**)  
In gratitude and humble trust,  
we bring our best today.  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **903** *Song of Simeon*  
Lord, God, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as promised in your word;  
my eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord,  
prepared by you for all the world to see,  
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
the glory of your people and their light.

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune* Douglas Wagner

Announcements

**Bible Study** begins this Tuesday, January 17th at 9:30  
am, we will be studying Matthew 4:12-23

**Remember in prayer:**  
Bonnie Cross is in Grace Hospital, Room 4S 412.

Omar Fraguera is in the Concordia Hospital, Room  
111.

Colleen Watters is in Misericordia Hospital, Room 547.

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.

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### Coming Up...

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

Worship @ 10:30am

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Bible study @ 9:30am

*Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm*

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

*Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm*

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

*Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @ 1pm*

Choir @ 7:30pm

*Choir AGM (lounge) @ 9:00pm*

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

Piano tuner @ 9am

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

Worship @ 10:30am

*Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @ 1pm*

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

*Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am*

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

*Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am*

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Bible study @ 9:30am

*Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm*

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

Choir @ 7:30pm

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

*Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 7pm*

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

Worship @ 10:30am

*Trustees AGM (board room) @ 11:30am*

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm*

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

Bible study @ 9:30am

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

*Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm*

*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm*

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Handbells (lounge) @ 5:30pm

Choir @ 7:30pm

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

*Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary)*

### Announcements

**Coffee time** after church begins again. The Fellowship Group will be hosting it most Sundays but will need some volunteers from time to time. On the first Sunday of every month, a volunteer is needed to do coffee, please sign up

**Sunday, January 22nd**, we will be celebrating with Rita Swan. In receiving her Certificate for Licensed Lay Worship Leader, within the bounds of Prairie to Pine Region. Come celebrate with Rita, who has been on this educational journey with our support for the last two years. Cake and coffee will be served by the Worship Group to honour Rita's achievement.

### **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?

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**St. Andrew's** is leading worship at The Wellington on Wednesday, January 18th.

**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 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

\*Matthew 4:12-23



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