



**Sunday, January 29, 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 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: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, February 5 - Called to be Salt
- Sunday, February 12 - Song of Faith Service
- Sunday, February 19 - Transfiguration Sunday



**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: *Andante* Louis Lefebure-Wely

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU684** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

♪ **Make me a channel of your peace:**  
**where there is hatred, let me bring your love;**  
**where there is injury, your healing power,**  
**and where there's doubt true faith in you:**

(Refrain) **O Spirit, grant that I may never seek**  
**so much to be consoled as to console,**  
**to be understood as to understand,**  
**to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:**  
**where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;**  
**where there is darkness, only light;**  
**and where there's sadness, ever joy. R**

**Make me a channel of your peace.**  
**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**  
**in giving to all that we receive,**  
**and in dying that we're born to eternal life. R ♪**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023.*

What does the Lord require of us?

**God wants justice.**

What else does God want?

**God wants faithful love.**

Anything else?

**God wants us to walk humbly with God.**

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.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER

HYMN: **MV169** *When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides*

♪ **When hands reach out beyond**  
**divides and hope is truly found,**  
**each chain of hate will fall away**

**and bells of peace shall sound,**  
**and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,**  
**and bells of peace shall sound,**  
**each chain of hate will fall away**  
**and bells of peace shall sound.**

**When fear no longer guides**  
**our steps and days of war are done,**  
**God's dream for all shall live anew;**  
**our hearts will heal as one,**  
**our hearts will heal, will heal as one,**  
**our hearts will heal as one,**  
**God's dream for all shall live anew;**  
**our hearts will heal as one.**

**When race and creed blind us no more,**  
**a neighbour's face we'll see,**  
**and we shall dance the whole world round,**  
**for love will set us free,**  
**for love, yes love will set us free,**  
**for love will set us free,**  
**and we shall dance the whole world round,**  
**for love will set us free. ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Nolan Kehler - *Alleluia* (Henry Purcell)  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 6:1-8 read by  
Clark Brownlee

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

ANTHEM: *The Beatitudes* (W.H. Anderson)  
Blessed are the poor in spirit: For theirs is the  
Kingdom of heaven.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.  
Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Write these words in our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

SERMON: 1JustCity

HYMN: **MV171** *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours* ♪ (Refrain) **Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours. Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.**

**No hands but yours to heal the wounded world, no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering, no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God. R**

**No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see, to find the lost, to gaze with compassion; no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.**

**No feet but yours to journey with the poor, to walk this world with mercy and justice. Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God. ♪**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
Following Jesus we are called to the work of justice.  
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 Paraphrase*  
**Eternal Spirit,**

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU518** *As Those of Old* vs. 3

**With gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best to you, not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, help 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: *Voluntary in C major* John Stanley

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, soloist, Nolan Kehler and our scripture reader, Clark Brownlee.

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### Coming Up...

#### 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

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 11am

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 11am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Fellowship meeting (lounge) @ 4:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Choir @ 7:30pm

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Worship @ 10:30am

### Announcements

#### Remember in prayer:

Kit Jarvis in Comfort Care at West Park Manor Room #8 -31199 Grant Avenue, R3R 1X2.

Shaftesbury Park Retirement Residence, 9055 Shaftesbury Blvd., R3P OY5

- George/Lesley Rempel Room #3013
- Ian Purves Room #3059

Bonnie Cross is in Grace Hospital, Room 4S 430.

Omar Fraguera is in the Concordia Hospital, Room 316B.

Remember in prayer Carolyn Graham, Joseph (Joe) Allan Graham passed away on December 30, 2022.

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying Matthew 5:13-20.

**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.

### Special Service Details

Sunday, February 12th we will have a service dedicated to A Song of Faith. In 2006 A song of Faith was adopted as another statement of faith, in the same way as other creeds of the United Church such as The New Creed, "It seeks to provide a verbal picture of what The United Church understands its faith to be in the historical, political, social, and theological context of the early 21st century. It is also a means of ongoing reflection and an invitation for the church to live out its convictions in relation to the world in which we live."

The 20 Articles of Doctrine, A statement of Faith, a New Creed, and A Song of Faith are all recognized as standards and beliefs of our faith. For the whole text of the Song of Faith and background information check the link on our eblast.

The service will be a very different format of music and read-

### 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 of Love for Valentine's.** We are collecting mitts, hats, scarves, warm socks, coats, sweaters, boots, blankets, backpacks, large bags, duffel bags, etc. for the homeless. These items do not have to be new. Bring them to the church and they will be delivered by a group of people to the homeless on the street.

**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 58:1–12  
Psalm 112:1–9  
1 Corinthians 2:1–16  
\*Matthew 5:13–20

