



**Sunday, February 5, 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: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, February 12 - Song of Faith Service
- Sunday, February 19 - Transfiguration Sunday
- Sunday, February 26 - Communion & AGM



**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: *Prelude in F major* C. V. Stanford

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU646** *We Are Marching*

♪ **We are marching in the light of God,** (repeat)

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwnekos',** (repeat) ♪

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

Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God's precepts.

**They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.**

They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**They shine their light before others for all the world to see.**

They will never be moved.

**Let this be our worship**

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: **VU679** *Let there be Light* vs.1, 2, 5 & 6

♪ **Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;**

**open our lips, open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord opening into grace;**

**your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language,  
your people speak together, your spirit never fade;**

**let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.** ♪

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - *Let us strive to be like our Savior* text by Mack Harrell, music by JS 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 live like our Saviour,  
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!  
Saviour, may we live for Thee;  
May we ever faithful be!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Heather Mian  
Responsive Psalm: **VU834** Psalm 112  
Gospel reading: Matthew 5:13-20  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: *After a Song of Wisdom* (text, W. Cowper; music, C.V. Stanford)  
Oh! For a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU701** *What Does the Lord Require*  
♪ **What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?**

**Justice, kindness,  
walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.** ♪

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We are called to be the salt and the light of Christ in our world.

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,  
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: **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: *Prelude on an old Irish church melody*  
C. V. Stanford

## Siyahamba!

Our first hymn today, *We Are Marching* (Siyahamba), is a South African Zulu song that was first written down in the 1950s, although whether it was newly composed or had been part of the oral tradition in South Africa is unsure. It was not originally intended to be a protest or anti-apartheid song, but Siyahamba has become a song of freedom and hope for many across the world. The English words are a direct translation of the Zulu text: Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos - "we are walking/marching in the light of God."

## Announcements

**Congratulations** to Rita Swan for completing the two-year course for Licensed Lay Worship Leader. Rita can now lead the occasional worship service at St. Andrews or in the Prairie to Pine Region. Well done, Rita.

**The Book Club** will be going to the movies, to see *Women Talking*. Others are invited to join us at Grant Park Cinema on Tuesday, February 7 at the 3:40 pm showing. If you are interested, make your own reservations and we'll see you at the theatre. Some of us may be going out to dinner at Fionn MacCool's Tavern afterward. Let me know if you are interested so I can reserve a table or two. Ruth McKenzie – 204-489-1537.

## 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, Susanne Reimer and our scripture reader, Heather Mian.

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### Coming Up...

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Worship @ 10:30am

*Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2pm*

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Bible study @ 9:30am

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 1:30pm

P&A (board room) @ 7:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

*Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm*

*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm*

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

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Choir @ 7:30pm

### Announcements

**Good News!** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is back! We are holding this event in the auditorium on Tuesday February 21, 2023 from 5 to 6:30 PM. Dinner consists of pancakes, sausages and fruit and is only \$5.00 per person, children under 3 eat free. We have modified this event slightly to support social distancing. Bring your family and friends! Everyone welcome!

**St. Andrew's AGM is Sunday,** February 26th. The annual report will be available soon.

### Remember in prayer:

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

Bonnie Cross has been moved to Seven Oaks Hospital.

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

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying Song of Faith. Here is the link <https://united-church.ca/community-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements/song-faith-2006>

**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

Next 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 readings. Come join us and learn about the Song of Faith together.

### 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 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

Deuteronomy 30:15–20  
or Sirach 15:15–20  
Psalm 119:1–8  
1 Corinthians 3:1–9  
Matthew 5:21–37



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