



Sunday, January 14, 2024



Epiphany

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, revelation, leads us to the contemplation of

Christ as King, and leads 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 on our website at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

Youth, sign up for Confirmation Classes that will begin soon. If you are interested let Rev Karen Lumley know, email klumley@standrewsriverheights.com or call @ 204-250-5073 or the church line @ 204-488-11340.

Bible Study begins, Tuesday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m. It is the passage of scripture in which Jesus calls the disciples, Mark 1:14-20. Everyone is welcome.

Someone has requested an evening Bible Study and if you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley. Perhaps you are interested in the Lenten Study which begins the week of February 13 or the Lectionary Study which begins this week.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



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.

Baptism of Christ

GATHERING MUSIC: *Blessed Jesus, at your word* (Liebster Jesu - VU 500) arr. J.S. Bach
The Lone, Wild Bird (Prospect - VU 384) arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Adapted from The Minister's Annual Manual, 2008-2009*

In the beginning, God spoke.

And out of chaos, the world began.

And out of the chaos of our lives, new life begins.

God still speaks. A new beginning for every day.

Come let us listen for the voice of God.

HYMN: **VU449** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU100** *When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2008-2009*

Creating God, too often we ignore the beauty of life around us. Too often we get so caught up in the disarray of our lives that we forget there is someone still speaking for us and to us. Forgive us for the times we have neglected to turn to you, to listen for your voice, and have missed the opportunity to be a part of your new creation. Help us to be willing to trust you to guide us and use us in your created order In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Lord, Lead Us Still* (text, Helen A. Dickinson; music, Johannes Brahms)

Along the varied paths of life,
Through hours of joy and sorrow keen,
In grim temptation's mortal strife,
In doubt or confidence serene,
Lord, lead us still,
O Lord, lead us still.

Through all the changes of the years,
Whatever of good or ill betide,
In laughter gay or bitter tears,
O keep us ever at Thy side;
Lord, lead us still,
O Lord, lead us still.

And when at last the tale is told,
The victory won by Thy good grace,
May we Thy glory, Lord, behold,
In that blest Homeland see Thy face;
Lord, lead us still,
O lead us still.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Fred Cross

Genesis 1:1-5

Responsive Psalm: **VU756** Psalm 29

Gospel reading: Mark 1:4-11

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

SOLO: Ian Olson - *In Native Worth and Honour Clad* (from "The Creation," J. Haydn)
And God created man in His own image,
In the image of God created He him.
Male and female created He them.
He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,
And man became a living soul.

In native worth and honour clad,
With beauty, courage, strength, adorned,
Erect, with front serene, he stands
A man, the lord and king of nature all.
His large and arched brow sublime,
Of wisdom deep declares the seat!
And in his eyes with brightness shines
The soul, the breath and image of his God.

With fondness leans upon his breast
The partner for him formed,
A woman, fair and graceful spouse.
Her softly smiling, virgin looks,
Of flowery spring the mirror,
Bespeak him love, and joy, and bliss.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU205** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

New life is God's promise for the faith community.

Sung response: **VU41** *Christ is Born*

♪ **Christ is born; give him glory!**

Christ is born; give him glory! ♪

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: **MV191** *What Can I Do?*

♪ **What can I do? What can I bring?**

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. ♪♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU84** *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word* vs. 4

♪ **O light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Gloria* Clarence Luca

Music Note

Today's solo, sung by Ian Olson, is taken from "The Creation," written by Josef Haydn in 1798. The oratorio takes verses from Genesis telling the story of creation, and partners them with poetry by Gottfried van Swieten. Today's selection is a good example of this, where the first part is the King James Version of the Genesis verse, followed by a poetic aria. The poetry of the second part is, admittedly, a very dated and 'of its time' text that expands on the creation of Adam and Eve, and the different attributes that Adam possesses. Despite the outdated language, this remains a standard piece of tenor repertoire and a beautiful aria.

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. Thank you to our singers, soloist, Ian Olson and our scripture reader, Fred Cross.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Baptism of Christ worship @ 10:30am
Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm
Choir AGM (lounge) after practice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Rental—Bennet Charter (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Epiphany 3 worship @ 10:30am
Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am
Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Epiphany 4 with Rev. Patricia Baker @ 10:30am
Trustees AGM (board room) @ 11:30am

More Announcements

During Lent, we will be studying together, "Act Fast," by Alydia Smith. This is the newest Lenten devotional book from the United Church Publishing House. "*In 2023 the Earth yelled in the exact way that scientists predicted; extreme weather, floods, drought, air pollution and fire.*" Together we will discuss the effects of climate change and question what can we do? What good could we possibly do? If you are interested in attending this Bible Study let Rev. Karen Lumley know so that we can order more books so everyone can have one. The cost of the books is \$15.00 each.

Book Club: You are invited to join the St. Andrew's Book Club. We use the library book club kits, so no one needs to purchase the book. We meet approximately every six weeks on a Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Our next meeting is on January 31 and we will be discussing In the Midst of Winter by Isable Allende. If you would like to join and need a copy of the book, contact Ruth at 204-489-1537.

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?

Oak Table-1JustCity is collecting individual tuna/meat cans, hearty soups, stews, beans etc. for individual use. Pull-top cans are useful. Warm jackets, sweaters, boots, etc. are appreciated. Please bring your donations to the church and we can drop them off for you. We thank you for your generosity.

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:

Jonah 3:1-5
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7;29-31
*Mark 1:14-20
* this reading is the preaching text



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