

FOLLOW ME

Sunday, January 21, 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 on Sunday, January 28th during Church. 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 is on Tuesdays, at 9:30am in the lounge. The passage we are studying this week is Mark 1:29-39.

Someone has requested an evening or after church 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.

Epiphany 3

GATHERING MUSIC: *Meditations on two hymn tunes* Michael Larkin
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WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Adapted from Gathering Worship Resources 2023-2024, written by Bill Perry, Consecon Pastoral Charge, Carrying Place, Ontario.*
(In silence)

Since time memorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land, the country many call Canada. As settlers here on this land, we acknowledge this area as the traditional home of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Inuit peoples in the heart of the Metis nation. We gather on Treaty 1 land and commit to seek to rebuild right relations with all peoples and to learn from them, and to live on this land, together with respect and gratitude for our Creator, all of creation and all the creatures.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Minister's Annual Manual 2011-2012.*

We have entered this sanctuary to worship God.
What would God have us to do when worship is over?

Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with our God.

Love neighbor as self, and God above all else.
We have entered this sanctuary to worship God.
When we reenter this world, we will serve God.

HYMN: **VU562** *Jesus Calls Us*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU120** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Minister's Annual Manual 2013-2014.*

Loving God, we confess to you that we have been careless in our care of creation. We have been reluctant to speak your words of grace to our neighbors. We have judged others, rather than forgiven them. We have thought of ourselves, ignoring needs around us. Forgive us. Give us eyes to see through the love of Jesus on the cross. Teach us to turn our hearts to-

wards you, learning to live toward others in your grace, mercy, and love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Take my Life and Let it Be Consecrated* (text, Frances R. Havergal; music, Mark Hayes)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated all for Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and purposeful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, let it ring.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love and I will pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Bernard Bolland
Responsive Psalm: **VU779** Psalm 62:5-12
Gospel reading: Mark 1:14-20
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Shea Carter - *O Jesus, Let Me Walk With Thee* (text, Washington Gladden; music, Paul Sjölund)
O Jesus, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Teach me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee,
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sure and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Jesus, let me live.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU117** *Jesus Christ is Waiting*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We listen for your call, O God. Speak, your servant is listening.

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

♪ **Christ is born; give him glory!**
Christ is born; give him glory! ♪

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: **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: *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*
Healey Willan

Announcements

A special thanks to everyone who helped to undecorate the church. The outdoor Creche was brought in and put away, the trees were taken down and all the lights were put away. Thanks, Ruth McKenzie, John Swan, Gord Shawcross, the Choir, and the crew who did all this work.

A special thanks to the Fellowship Group who made cookies for all our shut-ins and those in institutions and care homes. They were appreciated by all who received them.

Ian Morrow passed away on January 8th. A service will be held later. Remember his family in your prayers.

Sunday, January 28th Rita Swan, a lay worship leader, will be facilitating worship at McClure United in Winnipeg. Remember her in your prayers.

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 Isabel Allende. If you would like to join and need a copy of the book, contact Ruth at 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

Thank you to our singers, soloist, Shea Carter and our scripture reader, Bernard Bolland. Thank you to our guest organist, Linda Fearn.

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More Announcements

Next week our guest preacher is Rev. Patricia Baker

Minister in a formal association with a Faith Community

Patricia Baker is a minister without call and is officially associated with us. She says:

Hello, my name is Patricia Baker. My husband, David Bergen, and I have a blended family of 5 children, who range in age now from 20 to 35. We love being Oma and Opa for baby Niko who is 7 months old. I have been involved in The United Church of Canada since birth and have been a Diaconal Minister for 23 years. Most of my ministry has been with Inner City Community Ministries, where I met Karen, and also in rural

congregations. Currently, I'm on the Board of Vocation and am glad that, although my days of congregational or outreach ministry have been cut short by some physical limitations, I can still be of service to our United Church.

I can still work and am currently the Box Office Manager with Winnipeg Jewish Theatre, which these weeks in particular, has given me a very up-close opportunity to reflect on our understanding of and relationship with the Holy Land.

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.

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:

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

*Mark 1:21–28

* this reading is the preaching text

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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?

Coming Up...

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



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