



Sunday, January 28, 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/>.

**Sunday School and youth** are asked to come to the auditorium at the beginning of Church. Sunday School will be downstairs for the entire hour. The youth will meet with Rev. Karen Lumley for their first confirmation class.

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30am in the lounge. The passage we are studying this week is Mark 9:2-9.

**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.

### Order of service

GATHERING MUSIC: *Minuet* C.P.E. Bach  
*Prelude* Camille Saint-Saens

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

The Christ Candle has been lit! The Peace Candle has been lit!

The light has come! The mornings are brightening!  
Let us open ourselves to receive God's light,  
even amid the darkness that swirls around and in us.

Let us be Christ to each other, to others, to all of God's Creation.

Look to a neighbour ... and see their light.  
May our worship together increase the Light!

OPENING PRAYER: *VU86 An Epiphany Prayer*,  
*Joan McMurtry 1990*

**Radiant God, Light for all people and all places,  
By the guidance of a star, you led the Magi  
To worship the Christ Child.**

**By the light of faith,  
Lead us to worship you in peace and love,  
And guide us in your way.  
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus,  
Light of the world. Amen.**

HYMN: **VU87** *I am the Light of the World*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Forgive me God, when my spirit is hurting  
**Forgive us God, when our spirits are hurting  
Forgive us for shutting off, turning away, iso-  
lating, even from you.**

Forgive me God, when my spirit falters  
**Forgive us God, when our spirits falter  
Forgive us for blaming others, ourselves, and  
even you.**

Forgive me God, when my spirit alienates me from others,  
**Forgive us God, when our spirits alienate us  
from others,  
Forgive us when we are unforgiving, judgmental,  
critical of your children.**

Forgive us God, for oh, so many things  
**Help us hold onto our faith with strength and  
perseverance  
So we might be the people you created us to  
be. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In God who is peace and healing,  
Strength and reconciling love,  
We can trust and be healed,  
We can love and be strengthened,  
We can reconcile and find peace.  
God is with us; we are not alone; thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Sing My Child* (words and music, Sarah Quartel)

Sing for the promise in each new morning.  
Sing for the hope in a new day dawning.  
All around is beauty bright!  
Wake in the morning and sing, my child!

Dance in the joy of the day unfolding.  
Dance as you work, and dance as you're learning.  
All around is beauty bright!  
Take in the day and dance, my child!

But when troubles come  
And worry is all that can be found,  
Gather your strength and hear your voice.  
Sing, my child!

Laugh in the cool and the fresh of the evening.  
Laugh in your triumph, laugh in succeeding.  
All around is beauty bright!  
Rest in the evening and laugh, my child!

Peace in the stillness and dark of the night.  
Peace in the dreams of your silent delights.  
All around is beauty bright!  
Sleep in the night and peace, my child.

But when troubles come  
And worry is all that can be found,  
Gather your strength and hear your voice.  
Sing, my child! Dance, my child!  
Laugh, my child! Peace, my child.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Vinny Ashton  
Responsive Psalm: **VU833** Psalm 111  
Gospel reading: Mark 1:21-28  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **VU620** *Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*  
(tune: VU687)

REFLECTION

SOLO: Lorenz Sarrondo - *Amazing Grace* (text, John Newton; traditional melody, arr. Richard Walters)  
 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.  
 That saved a wretch like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found,  
 Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 And grace my fears relieved;  
 How precious did that grace appear  
 The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me  
 His word my hope secures;  
 He will my shield and portion be  
 As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
 I have already come;  
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
 And grace will lead me home.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
 And mortal life shall cease,  
 I shall possess within the veil,  
 A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
 Than when we first begun.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. ♪**

HYMN: **VU687** *When Will People Cease Their Fighting?*

COMMISSIONING and BLESSING: **VU349**

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet,  
 walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,  
 stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with wounded heart,  
 open your heart to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet

and may everyone you meet  
 see the face of Christ in you

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: *I danced in the morning* (Lord of the dance) arr. Noel Rawsthorne

## Announcements

**Remember in prayer** Joan Stevenson and Jody Kerr, who are both in the hospital at this time.

**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.

**The ABC Valentine's Bake Sale** will be held Sunday, February 11th after the service in the Auditorium. Get excited for some baked goodies!

**Tuesday, February 13th is our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper** in the auditorium! It will run from 5 pm-6:30pm, the price is \$5 per person and children under 3 years are free. All are welcome!

## 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, Lorenz Sarrondo and our scripture reader, Vinny Ashton. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Patricia Baker.

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## **More Announcements**

**Knitters** are needed for the baptismal blankets that we gift to children to be baptized. Contact the church office if you are willing to do this.

## **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:**

Isaiah 40:21–31

Psalms 147:1–11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

\*Mark 1:29–39

\* this reading is the preaching text

## **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?

## **Coming Up...**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

Epiphany 4 with Rev. Patricia Baker  
@ 10:30am

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

**Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @  
1pm**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

**Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm**

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

**Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am**

**RHS Daycare yoga (lounge)  
@2:30pm**

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

Book club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

**Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm**

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

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**



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