

welcome

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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.

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 on our website.

FIND YOUR PLACE

WASHROOMS: A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

Congratulations to Robbie Belton and Maggie Henderson on the birth of their daughter, Teresa Anne Belton-Henderson (Tess) on December 11, 2024.

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 at 9:30am in the lounge. We will be studying "Bad Girls of the Bible". The Bad Girl of the Bible this week is Eve, Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15-25, 3:20-4:1, 2 Corinthians 11:3 & 1 Timothy 2:13.

Remember in prayer Stuart Roche, in the passing of his father Gordon Roche, on December 31, 2024. Remember the family in your prayers; wife Sharri Bertram, children, Sarah and Emma in their loss of a father, father-in-law, and grandfather. A memorial service was held on Monday, January 13th.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter 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.

Second after Epiphany

(Resources adapted from 2021 *The United Church of Canada*)

GATHERING MUSIC: *One bread, one body* John B. Foley, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (*Based on Isaiah 62:1-5*)

In this Epiphany time, we will not keep silent, we will not rest.

Our vindication shines out like the new dawn.

Light a path of us, O God, that we may move into new relationships.

We have been called by you into new ways of being.

Your torch has been passed to us, in you our light has come.

We are not forsaken; we are not desolate.

In you, O God, we find our delight.

Let glory be on our lips as we delight in your presence.

Inspire us, God, as we offer our worship.

HYMN: **VU288** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We light this candle, honouring the One who said, "I am the Light."

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU82** *A Light is Gleaming*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Listening God, when we take the time to see and use and understand the incredible gifts you have shared with us, we are in awe. At the same time, we also realize how we have misused the gifts of your Spirit. When life is happening so fast, we act and speak before we think. We have caused harm by our "off the cuff" remarks. Our actions have led to exclusion. Knowingly and unknowingly, we have caused harm. Forgive us our mistakes, forgive our ignorance, forgive us, forgive... (silent reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (text, Robert Robinson; music, arr. Craig Cassils)

Come, thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnets,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer

Hither by thy help, I'm come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Vinny Ashton
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

DUET: Ian Olson & Fred Cross - *I Will Sing of Thy Mercies* (text, Psalm 89:1; music Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Carlton Young, from "St. Paul")
I will sing of thy great mercies,
O Lord, my Saviour,
And of thy faithfulness evermore.

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU467** *One Bread, One Body*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Lord, we need your help.
Sung response: **VU400** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
♪ **Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord let your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!** ♪

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Nimm mich dir* (Take my life) from Cantata #65 J. S. Bach

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
VU540 *Grant Us, God, the Grace*
♪ **Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU407** *O Joy of God* vs. 3
♪ **O peace of God, you pass our understanding
safe through each moment keep us every day:
with joy divine and mercy never ending,
direct our path and prosper all our way.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Preludium en Fuga* J. K. Simon

Announcements

Margaret Follett, (Tuxedo Villa) is an adherent of St. Andrew's and turned 100 on Wednesday, January 15th. Offer a prayer of praise for a life lived well and long.

Cards of Thanks are at the back of the church from Joyce Rich, Nancy Parkhill, and Kay Jolly for remembering them at Christmas time with the cookies and cards. Both speak for all who received these gifts of love.

A special card of thanks is at the back of the church from Diane Bewell and her daughter, Krista for the care, prayers and love given to Don over the years. A special thanks for the prayer shawl he received while in the hospital.

PAR cards are available at the back of the church for anyone who wants to place them on the offering plate when it is passed.

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, duo, Ian Olson & Fred Cross, and our scripture reader, Vinny Ashton.

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The Outreach group is collecting socks to donate to 1Just City. Please bring new warm adult socks. There will be a box located at the back of the church. We will continue to collect socks throughout the winter. This is one of the greatest needs for those who experience poverty or homelessness. Thank you for supporting our relatives who are less fortunate and need our help.

Knitters are needed for the baby baptismal shawls. Contact Ruth McKenzie or the church office for the pattern and instructions.

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

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?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @ 8am
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Rental—Raymond Ding (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am
Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm
P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Rental—Katy Harmer (sanctuary) @ 10am
Rental—Bennet Charter (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

ABC Valentine's Bake Sale (auditorium)
Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

