



**Sunday, February 9, 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.

**2025 CHURCH COUNCIL**

The 2025 Annual General Meeting is fast approaching (Sunday, February 23, 2025) at which time the Congregation will elect the members of the Church Council for the upcoming year. Council generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month (other than the months of July and August) and deals with a variety of issues that affect the ongoing life and work of our Church. It is important that the Council membership rotates regularly to ensure that fresh ideas and perspectives are presented and discussed at Council meetings, and in that regard, we are seeking candidates for this year's Council.

Serving on Council is a good way to better understand how the Church functions and is a great way to give back to our faith community. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Church Council (with a general expectation of serving a two-year term), would you please advise one of the members of this year's Nominating Group (Rob Siddall [rgs123@mymts.net], Bill Craddock [wjcdlc@mymts.net] or Glenn Neufeld [gwneufeld@hotmail.com]).

Thanks very much.

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.

## Fifth after Epiphany

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

GATHERING MUSIC: *Trumpet Minuet* - Alfred Holins

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING SONG: **MV97** *Listen, God Is Calling*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Response: **I will sing.**

HYMN: **VU242** *Let All Things Now Living*

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV27** *Creator God You Gave Us Life*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Eternal and Ever Present One, you are beyond us and before us. You are as familiar as the palm of our hand and beyond our complete understanding. Forgive us when, instead of following your ways, we limit one another. Forgive our need to confine and control others. Liberating Spirit, unsettle us with your grace that we would venture into and seek your reconciling love, trusting the mystery within and beyond us. In Christ's name, we ask. *(silent reflection)***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Jubilate Deo in B-flat* (text, Psalm 100; music, C.V. Stanford)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that Lord he is God:  
It is he that hath made us,  
And not we ourselves;  
We are his people,  
And the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates  
With thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise:  
Be thankful unto him,  
And speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious,  
His mercy is everlasting,  
And his truth endureth from  
Generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Khal Shariff  
Responsive Psalm: **VU860 Psalm 138**

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - *The Lord's Prayer*  
(music, Pat Mayberry; arr. David Kai)  
Creator God who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
And the glory forever and ever.  
Amen

Reading: Psalm 138  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

#### SERMON

HYMN: **MV182 Grateful**

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, send 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: *Liturgical Prelude III* -  
George Oldroyd

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:  
**VU540 Grant Us, God, the Grace**  
♪ **Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,**

#### 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, Susanne Reimer, and our scripture reader, Khal Shariff. Thank you to our guest organist, Linda Fearn.

**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: *Tuba Tune* - C. S. Lang

#### Music Note

Today's anthem is *Jubilate Deo*, in a setting by British composer Charles Villiers Stanford. This may be a familiar piece to some of you! The *Jubilate Deo*, which means "rejoice in the Lord," is said or sung during the Anglican service of Morning Prayer (Matins). Stanford, although now mostly known for his church music, was quite a prolific composer, with over 200 works (including 7 symphonies, 9 operas, and 40 choral pieces). He was a founding professor of composition at the Royal College of Music, and mentored many well-known composers in his 40+ years of teaching (Holst, Vaughn Williams, Coleridge-Taylor, to name a few).

#### Announcements

**The Anna Blair Circle** has their annual Valentine Bake Sale today in the auditorium following the service. Tasty home-baked goodies, cookies, cakes, and more!

#### **Remember in your prayers:**

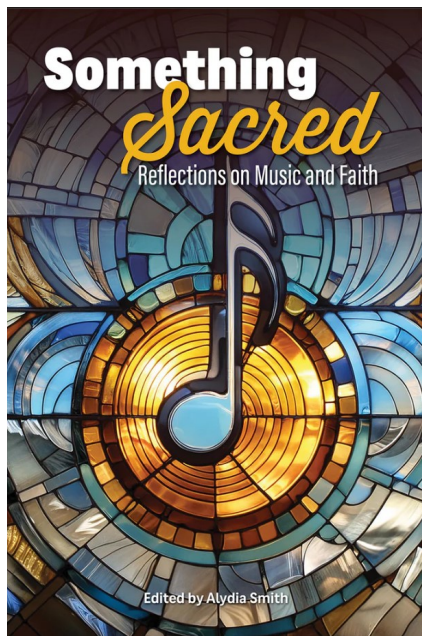
Rita Swan is leading worship and preaching at Windsor Park United Church today.

**Bible Study** is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. We will be studying "Bad Girls of the Bible". The Bad Girl of the Bible this week is The Woman at the Well, found in John 4:1-30.

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**St. Andrew's AGM** is on February 23rd at 11:30am. The annual reports are at the back of the church and can also be printed on request.

**We need 8 volunteers** (4 for set-up and 4 for take-down) to assist with setting up and taking down for the AGM on Sunday, February 23rd. Please sign up at the back of the Church if you are interested. Thank you so much.



There is a new Lenten devotional book this year, **"Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith."** If you'd like to order a copy for reading through the Lent season, please speak to Katy, or contact Charlotte in the office. The books will cost \$13-17, depending how many books we order (5+ gets a discount, and 8+ gets free shipping). **We will place the order on February 10, so let us know if you would like one before then.** From the United Church Bookstore website: "This Lenten devotional explores how the power of music can deepen our connection to God and form us as disciples of Christ. For many, music is a ubiquitous

presence in our lives that affects us, sometimes despite us. The music we resonate with speaks to who we are, what we believe, and what we aspire to as people. Because of this, music is a powerful faith formation tool."

**Thank you to everyone** who knitted baptismal blankets, we appreciate your time and talents so much!

**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.

**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. We have collected 266 pairs of socks!! Can we do 300?

**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.

Coming Up...

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

**ABC Valentine's Bake Sale (auditorium)**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**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?

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

*Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

*Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am  
Rental—River City Sound*

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

*Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

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

*Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 6pm*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

