

# Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, March 2, 2025



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The final Sunday following Epiphany, and before Lent, is Transfiguration Sunday. All three of the synoptic gospels tell a story of Peter, James, and John accompanying Jesus to the top of a holy mountain. There, before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured or transformed into a dazzling brightness. Today is Transfiguration Sunday.

## 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

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**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.

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GATHERING MUSIC: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Joseph Barnby, arr. Dan R. Edwards)

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU339** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP & PRAYER: *Gathering Worship Resources, 2011/2012 written by Susan Ivany, Westminster U.C. Thunder Bay, Ont.*  
Through Epiphany, we have been walking in the light of Christ.

**We are children of God and followers of Jesus, the Light of the World.**

Next week, the light of our faith will guide us into the gathering shadows of Lent.

**In thankfulness for the light and love of God, let's worship now!**

Let us pray together!

**Wonderful God, your brilliance is not only seen on mountaintops in Bible Stories. Your brilliance shines wherever your people show love and compassion in your name. May our worship together inspire us to go out from here, overflowing with your grace, ready to shine your love and peace everywhere, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

I will, God be my helper

**We will, God be our helper**

HYMN: **VU102** *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* (trad. Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson)

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
Moving in my heart, I will pray!

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,  
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke;  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
Moving in my heart, I will pray!

Jordan river is chilly and cold,  
It chills the body, but not the soul;  
There ain't but one train upon this track,  
It runs to heaven, and right back.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,  
Moving in my heart, I will pray!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025*

**Gracious God, we tremble in the presence of your glory and power. strengthen our courage, that we might look upon your love and not live in fear.**

**Embolden us to trust your grace, and shine upon us your mercy, that we may shine for all to see.**

**Give us confidence in your grace and your abundant love.**

**In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HANDBELL CHOIR: *Celtic Grace* (Susan E. Geschke)

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 9:28-37 read by Linda Paul

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

SERMON

HYMN: **MV147** *Gold, Help Us to Treasure*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Help us, as a faith community, to be that light.

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: **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: *Sonata all' Elevazione*  
Giovanni Battista Martini

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: *Peals of Praise* (Karen L. Buckwalter)

### Music Note

Today the Handbell Choir offers a wide range of pieces! In "Celtic Grace," we feature Morna-June playing four-in-hand bells on the melody. You'll notice she has two bells in each hand, while the rest of us have 2 total! We have also added hand chimes to this piece to add some variation. "Peals of Praise" is an exciting piece, featuring hand chimes, bells played with mallets, and key changes that require everyone to switch bells a few times.

### Announcements

**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 Rahab, found in Joshua 2.

**Tuesday, March 4th is our Shrove Tuesday  
pancake supper** in the audi-

torium! It will run from 5pm - 6:30pm, the price is \$5 per person and children under 3 years are free. All are welcome!

### **This Lent discover the power of gratitude.**

*"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity... It makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."* Melody Beattie. As a faith community and people of faith, we have much to be grateful for. Join us in reflecting in a Gratitude Journal that you keep for a month, responding to questions and reflections. Either join online or pick up a copy at the back of the church. Each day, reflect on gratitude. Begin March 1, Ash Wednesday, or whenever you like.

**Sunday, March 9 is PIE Day!** PIE is Public, Intentional and Explicit in our sharing of our being an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada. Our service will reflect this and then after church, we will eat PIE! If anyone is willing to bring a pie for that Sunday, please sign up at the back of the church.

**Outreach Group Speaker Series** on Sunday, March 30, 9-9:45 am. Come and hear about Bell Tower with Linda Williams, one of the co-founders with Michael Redhead. They had been at the funeral of one of their youths and realized the community had to do something to help one another. It was up to them. So, Meet Me at the Bell Tower on Selkirk Ave was created. Now 14 years later, Linda will share about creating a community of Love in partnership with the Bear Clan and other initiatives. Meet with us in the lounge; there will be muffins and coffee. Bring a friend!

### **Upcoming Services**

- Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday of Lent & Communion & PIE Day
- Sunday, March 16 – Lent 2
- Sunday, March 23 - Baptism

### **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 and our scripture reader, Linda Paul. Thank you to our handbell choir.

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**1JustCityOak Table Tour**, located at 444 River Avenue in Osborne Village, on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Meet at the church at 8:20 am and leave at 8:30 am to carpool. Please sign up to attend. If you can drive how many people can you take in your car? St. Andrew's helped to pilot this Breakfast Program and financially donated money for this. Come and see it in action.

**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 351 pairs of socks!! Can we do 400?

**If anyone is interested** in an evening Study Group for the Lenten devotional book "Something Sacred: Reflections on Music and Faith", let Rev. Karen Lumley know.

**If anyone is interested** in transferring their membership, let the office know. A celebration of the

new transfers will be a service in March or April.

**The Fellowship Group** hosts coffee time after church most Sundays but needs assistance. On the first Sunday of every month, a volunteer is needed to prepare the coffee time. If you are available, please sign up. Thank you very much.

**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, MARCH 2**

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

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 3**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

*Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am*

*Set-up for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (auditorium) @ 12pm*

*ABC meeting (lounge) @ 1:30pm*

*Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm*

*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (auditorium) @ 5pm*

*P&A meeting (board room) @ 6m*

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

*Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm*

#### **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?

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

*Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm*

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

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

*Rental—Katy (sanctuary) @ 10am*

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

*Rental—Pembina Trails Voices (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm*

*Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 5:15pm*

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 10**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

*Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @*

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

*Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am*

*Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

