

God's Promise of Blessing

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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.

Our greeters this month are members of the Outreach group. Be sure to say hello!

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week, we will be studying Matthew 5:13-20. All are welcome!

Rev. Karen Lumley's 70th Birthday is February 5th. We wish her blessings for this day and for the upcoming year.

The Anna Blair Circle will hold their annual Valentine Bake Sale on Sunday, February 8th, in the auditorium following the service. Tasty home-baked goodies, cookies, cakes, and more!

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.

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GATHERING MUSIC: *Fantasia in D minor* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering Resources for Worship Planners, Year A, Epiphany, 2026, written by Richard Bott, Burlington, Ont.*

Why are we called to this place?

To be God's people.

What is required of us?

To seek justice, to love kindness, to live humbly with God.

And how shall we do this?

With our prayers, with our thoughts, with our actions, and with our love.

Then, as people who are both blessed and blessing:

Let us worship God!

HYMN: **VU697** *O For a World*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU602** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering Resources for Worship Planners, Year A, Epiphany, 2026, written by Beth Johnston, Bridging Waters., Nipawin, Sask.*

We come today to confess that we do not always live as you want us to live, we do not always want to try to live in your way.

We confess that we would rather stay with what we know than venture into the unknown.. Help us to understand your call in these times of challenge. Help us to notice those in need of what we have to offer. Help us to love as you love all people.

Forgive us. Restore us. Renew us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *The Beatitudes* (W.H Anderson, music)

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they that mourn:

for they shall be comforted.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the meek:

for they shall inherit the earth.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the merciful:

for they shall obtain mercy.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

for they shall see God.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God.

Grant us this grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord.

Blessed are they which are persecuted

for righteousness' sake:

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Write these words in our hearts,

we beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Susanne Reimer

Responsive Psalm: **VU736** Psalm 15

SOLO: Ian Olson - *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace* (Prayer of St. Francis; Mark Shepperd, music)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Spirit, grant that I may not seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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

SERMON: *A Litany of Beatitudes*

HYMN: *Blessed Are You Who Are Poor*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Following the pattern of Jesus, **we share God's blessing with others.**

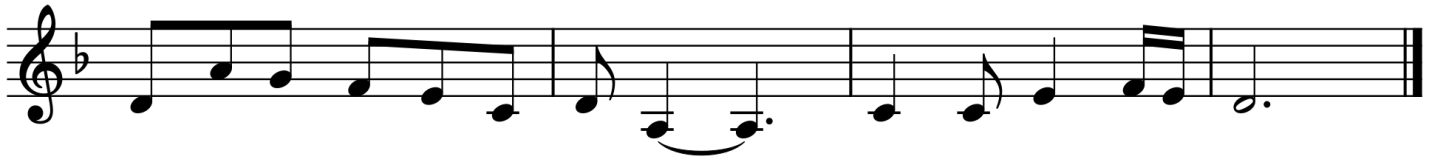
Blessed are you who are poor

Then Let Us Sing #128

Daniel Charles Damon



1. Bless-ed are you who are poor, yours is the kin-dom of God.
 2. Bless-ed are you who now weep, laugh-ter will sure - ly come.
 3. One day you will re - joice, you will leap - for joy.
 4. Woe un - to you who are rich, for you pos-sess your re - ward.
 5. Woe un - to you who re - joice, soon you will weep - and mourn.
 6. Give your whole heart - to God, love - and serve - the poor.



Bless-ed are you who are hun-gry for you will be filled.
 Bless-ed are you who are hat-ed, hat - ed for my sake.
 Bless-ings a - bun-dant will fol - low as you dwell in God.
 Woe un-to you who have plen-ty, you will feel your want.
 Woe un-to you who are fol-lowed, pop - u - lar, but false.
 Al - ways treat one a - noth-er kind - ly and with grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: See insert (*music by Shauna Sperry*)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *A Trumpet Air* Henry Purcel

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
VU93 *When Heaven's Bright with Mystery vs. 4*
 ♪ **When heaven's bright with mystery and stars still lead an unknown way, when love still lights a gentle path where courts of power can hold no sway, there with the Magi, let us kneel, our gifts to share, God's world to heal.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU82** *A Light is Gleaming* refrain
 ♪ **A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C minor* Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 17th

Time: 5pm to 6:30pm

Price \$5.00 per person

children under 3 years are 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, Ian Olson and our scripture reader, Susanne Reimer.

Clergy	Rev. Karen Lumley	klumley@standrewsriverheights.com
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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 1

Trustees AGM (board room) @ 11:30am

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 6pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

ABC Valentine's Bake Sale (auditorium) @ 11:30am
Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Rental—Crystal Music Sound Bath (sanctuary) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (auditorium) @ 5pm
Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

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.

A Thank You Note

We would like to report that for 2025 just completed, St. Andrew's was able to balance total revenues against expenses. Your generous donations to our church in 2025 made it possible to keep our building in good order, pay staff, make contributions to Mission and Service, and support local agencies such as 1JustCity, Agape Table, and Just A Warm Sleep. We are grateful for your commitment to the work of the church and to the services it offers to the community. This could not be done without the generous support of you and others like you.

The Stewardship Committee

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

