



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

## St. Andrew's United Church



January 26, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> After Epiphany

### ***Our Mission Statement:***

*“St. Andrew’s United Church is a Christian community of faith that shares Christ’s love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.”*



“Devastation”

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# Sunday Worship Service

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**Worship Leader:** Daniel Szemok, LLWL  
**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon  
**Greeters:** Janice & Ray Carter

\* Indicates to stand as you are able.

## We Gather To Worship

### Musical Prelude

**Introit: VU #402, vs. 1** “We Are One”

**We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there’s a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God’s grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**

**Lightning the Christ Candle:** *Judy Donnelly*

In the light of Your Spirit O God, we see the perfection of Your will; we recognise the meaning of existence and the purpose of our being. We acknowledge Your sacrifice that we can never fully comprehend and ask for Your Holy Spirit to ignite our lives. Amen. (As candle is lit we sing)

***Light up the candle every day,  
Jesus, be with us, here as we pray.***

### Welcome

**Call to Worship:** (only the bolded section)

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying; the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit alighted on him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven;

**You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased!**

Listen to the words of our Creator; Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, and you are mine.

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and through the rivers, for they shall not drown you.**

Offer to the Lord, O children of God; offer to the Lord all glory and power.

**We offer to the Lord the glory of His name and we worship the Lord who is arrayed in holiness. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU #651, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Children's Time:**

### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** (read together with congregation)  
**God of mercy, You promised never to break your covenant with us. Among all the changing arguments of our generation and all the teachings that come and go; speak Your eternal Word that does not change. Then empower us to respond to Your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord who came to serve; whose name is Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music:** "God Will Take Care of You"

**Title of Sermon:** Caretakers

**Pastoral Prayer:**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Hymn: SofG #76,** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

**Announcements:** *Sally Donald*

**Birthday Box for WDR:** *(sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering)*

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;  
May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.  
These gifts we now share, to show that we care  
for all of God's children, here and everywhere.**

**Praise Before Prayer:** MV #119, "God Our Protector"

**God our protector, keep us in mind,  
always give strength to your people.  
For if we could be with you one day in time  
it is better than a thousand without you.**

## Prayers of the People:

### Invitation to the Offering:

**\*Offering Hymn: VU #540, “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 – (only bolded part)**

We live in a world of obligations, Lord. Everything has a price. Because of this we find it hard to understand Your Grace. You give to us freely, with no strings attached. And yet, we know that obedience to Your will is what being a disciple is all about.

**Help us, O Lord, to understand that our self-giving completes Your salvation, and is not the cost of it. Accept these offerings as a Grace-filled response to Your free gift of Life in Christ. Amen.**

## **WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU #511, “Before You Now, O God” vs. 1, 2 & 3**

**\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*Choral Closing: VU # 422, “God Be with You till we Meet Again”**

### **Musical Postlude**



## Announcements

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Muriel Lamkey and Family of the death of her Aunt, Mabel Allain of Neguac, N.B.**

### Memorials:

In loving memory of **Ralph Clark**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barbara Doucet, Helen Jones.

### Worship:

▪ **Greeters: Feb. 2** – Cynthia Duplessie & Patty Deitch/**Feb. 9** – Brian & Davida Adams

▪ **Sound System: /Jan. 26** – Brian Savoy/**Feb. 2** – Barry Campbell/**Feb. 9** – Paul Rose

▪ **PowerPoint: Jan. 26** – Jennifer Walker/**Feb. 2** – Mary Reynolds/**Feb. 9** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors: Jan. 26** – Debbie Stymiest, Moses Akinyode, Barry & Bev Campbell/

▪ **Offering Counters: Jan. 26** – Karen Rose & Debbie Stymiest  
**Feb. 2** – Betty MacDiarmid & Cynthia Duplessie/**Feb. 9** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell

### **3. Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 420.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,269.92</u>
<b>Total for Week of Jan. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1,689.92</b>

### This Week:

#### **1) Church Office hours:**

Monday thru Friday 9-4

**2) Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's Exercise Class**

**3) Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. CGIT Alumni will meet for the monthly gathering at the Portage Restaurant.

**4) Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 p.m. General UCW meets.

**5) Anyone who Knits** and would like some yarn, there is lots at the back of the sanctuary in the bins by the ministers study. There is bags there for anyone who needs one for the yarn. Once people take what they would like the rest will be donated to an organization.

### Upcoming:

**1) Rev. Alice Szemok will be offering Membership Classes** for new church members and those who wish to refresh their membership in the United Church of Canada. The classes will start in February and are offered on Thursdays for 1 hour each week for 4 weeks. If you are interested please leave your name with Karen in the church office.

**2) Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting**

**3) We will be resuming our collection of non-perishable food items** for the Miramichi Food Bank next Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any help you can offer is always greatly appreciated.

**4) Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m. – Church Council Meeting**

### Fundraisers:

**1) A Meat Pie Supper (pork, beef & chicken)** will be held at St. Andrew's United Church on Thursday, Jan.30<sup>th</sup>. This will be sit in or take out meal. All tickets will be presold and there is a limited number of tickets. If you are eating in supper will be served at 4:15 p.m. (There is only the one seating) If you are getting take-outs they will be served out at 3:50 p.m. Dessert will be either carrot cake or sticky toffee pudding. Tickets are \$20 a person and are on sale through the church office or by calling Karen at 506-773-9932.

**2) Love is in the Air** – A Valentines Dessert Concert with the Villagers Choral Group here at St. Andrew's United Church on Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Tickets are \$15 a person and are on sale now through the church office or any villagers members. For more information please call Lois at 506-625-2250.

### Community:

**1) White Gold Dinner and Concert** will be held Feb. 9, 2025. Tickets are \$40 each and on sale now by calling Susan at 506-622-1780. For more info see the bulletin board at the front of the church.

## London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents



Becoming a parent or guardian is a life-changing, complex experience that doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. As kids, we looked to adults for guidance as we navigated the world with fresh eyes. Now, as adults, we recognize that we're still figuring things out as we go, and there's always an opportunity to grow our skills and minds.

In London, Ontario, Mission and Service partners with the London Community Chaplaincy as they respond to parents and guardians who want to build a network of support, share the parenting journey, and develop new skills as they navigate raising children in a low-income setting. Together, these parents are working hard to build a positive future for their children and families.

Each week, London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents. Not only do they learn how to guide a child through critical stages of development, but also how to navigate being a parent or guardian while also managing financial stress, food insecurity, housing complications, and more. Gathering with other adults in a similar situation allows participants to share their struggles and triumphs, further building a sense of community.

Your gifts to [Mission and Service](#) support partnerships like the London Community Chaplaincy as they help empower parents along the parenting journey. Thank you.

**Pastoral Care:**

Rev Alice Szemok is covering for any pastoral emergencies. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it.

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in  
loving memory of Alice and Callum MacPhee  
by Marjorie MacPhee.**



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