



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

# St. Andrew's United Church



January 19, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> after Epiphany



*Water into Wine  
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### ***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.”*

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# Sunday Worship Service

(January 19, 2025      2<sup>nd</sup> after Epiphany)

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Alexander Sutherland

**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Joan MacKnight-Savoy & Marjorie MacPhee

\* *This symbol indicates to stand as you are able.*

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## We Gather To Worship

### Musical Prelude:

**Introit: MV #21, "Open Our Hearts" *sung twice***

**Open our hearts, open our minds.**

**Open our lives to you O loving God.**

**Open our hearts.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle: *Patty Deitch***

We light this Christ Candle on this Sunday of Epiphany, celebrating all the miracles of Christ; to seek to share in His healing and we recognize His presence in our lives, hear His call to help others, to uplift the outward being and offer God's grace to the inward spirit; that in all things we might be made whole, and be God's people together in the light of God's love. Amen.

**As the candle is lit we sing:**

**Light up the candle everyday**

**Jesus be with us here as we pray.**

### Welcome

### Call to Worship:

L: Our heads shall be lifted up above the enemies around us,

**R: We will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy in his tabernacle;**

**We will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when we cry aloud; be gracious to us and answer!

**R: My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." For you have said, "Seek my face."**

L: Hide not your face from us. Turn not your servant away in anger,

**All: O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake us not, O God of all salvation!**

*Based on Psalm 27:6-9*

\* **Opening Hymn: VU #112**, “O God, How We Have Wandered”

**Opening Prayer:** *(together)*

**We come from a world that boasts of its greatness,  
And humble our hearts in the goodness of praise.  
For though we are like them, we seek your kingdom in graces  
Through our Saviour, your Son, our of worship we raise.  
And from this moment of worship, to a lifetime of service,  
In your Spirit, O Lord, make your people as one,  
We pray that we honour you, and discover what your Word is  
Together rejoicing in all you have done. Amen**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, we are here, but we admit our minds wander.  
We enjoy the comfort of this place, the routine of this time,  
And we may forget the cold that wraps around souls who are lost.  
Hold us before the flame of your Spirit, in the light of you truth  
show us our sin.  
That what we receive will be more than we would ask for,  
For your grace is a gift that only broken hearts truly receive.  
In such strength, make us blessings of mercy;  
Forgiven, let us bless the world in your grace.  
Teach again about hope, faith and healing.  
Restore us to be a community of faith.  
Help us to let go of all that separates us from you, O Lord.  
Show us that love means more than satisfaction,  
And joy comes to souls that are free.  
*(a time of silent reflection)*

Help us to accept this love O Lord, to let go of our sin, and have  
it define us no more.  
That our faith in you will be good and true.  
In Christ Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in  
mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in  
transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

**We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## The Word of God Proclaimed

### **Prayer of Illumination:**

O God of story, truth and of song,  
Who speaks through prophets, through priests, through leaders in  
the world and servant-leaders among us, Help us understand your  
word, grant us courage to share it, and your peace to abide in the  
truth we come to know by your grace. We pray in Christ Jesus'  
name. Amen.

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 36 page 762 & 763

**Story Time:** *Where do you keep your miracles?*

**\*Hymn:** VU # 585, "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

*(Children leave for Sunday school after hymn)*

**Scripture Readings:** *Holly Daley*

Isaiah 62:1-5

John 2:1-11

**Ministry of Music:** "Never Ending Joy"

**Message:** *Enjoying the Good*

### We Respond to God's Word

**Hymn:** VU # 254, "Song of Praise the Angels Sang" vs. 1,2 & 5,6

**Announcements:** *John Bosma*

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

We rejoice as joyful givers; to participate together in the service  
and ministry of God, to keep some of what we have from  
selfishness, and to be a tangible blessing to those whose faith is  
constrained by human need.

**\*Offering Hymn:** VU # 549, "For All Your Goodness, God"

**For all your goodness, God,**

**We give you thanks.**

**Thanks for the food we eat,**

**And for the friends we meet;**

**For each new day we greet,**

**We give you thanks.**

**\*Offering Prayer: (Together)**

**God of all creation, We return creation unto you in praise;  
And each of us offer up what we have, this part to give.  
With these parts to join in your mighty service.**

**Seeking only to witness your will being done,  
And fairness shown where we could see in justice.  
Encourage us to learn from giving to be generous in our  
living, that our lives will be about *your* praise and glory,  
and not our own.**

**Help us all to understand that we cannot live by bread  
alone, but that by breaking bread together we show our  
love for you.**

**In gratitude and hope, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

**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 & The Lord's Prayer**

**We Go Out As God's People**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU # 506, "Take My Life and Let it Be"**

**\*Benediction:**

Light the way before us now, O Lord.

**We go forth in the righteousness of Christ, as brightness in  
salvation like a lamp burning brightly. (Isaiah 62:1)**

Set your Holy Spirit upon your Church once more, O God,  
and give us utterance of truth and words of peace.

**We will not leave the peace of Christ in this house but we  
bring it into the world; commissioned by our Lord and  
Saviour who commands us still, saying:**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded  
you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age"  
(Matthew 28:19-20) **Amen.**

**\*Choral Closing: VU #958, "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**  
**Halle, halle , hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! (hallelujah!)**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## **Musical Postlude**

### **Announcements**

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Sally & Bill Donald and Family of the death of Sally's brother, Ralph (Randy) Clark of Penniac, N.B.**

#### **Memorials:**

In loving memory of **Don Swezey**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Doris Tozer.

In loving memory of **Ralph Clark**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from St. Andrew's United Church Choir, Karen & Paul Rose.

#### **Worship:**

- **Greeters: Jan. 26-** Ray & Janice Carter
- **Sound System: Jan. 19-** Barry Campbell/**Jan. 26** – Brian Savoy
- **PowerPoint: Jan. 19** – Mary Reynolds/**Jan. 26** – Jennifer Walker
- Offering Collectors: Jan. 19** – Patti Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Jan. 26** – Debbie Stymiest, Moses Akinyode, Barry & Bev Campbell
- **Offering Counters: Jan. 19** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Jan. 26** – Karen Rose & Debbie Stymiest

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

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 825.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,120.31</u>
<b>Total for Week of Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1,945.31</b>

## This Week:

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

Monday thru Wednesday 9-4; Thursday 9-1; Friday – Closed

### **2) Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's Exercise Class**

**3) 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) Merle Milson is planning to do a service (perhaps in March) on the history of St. Mark's Church** as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the United Church of Canada (similar to the service on the history of St. Andrew's). He has information covering 1875 to 1975, but very little later. If you have or remember events from 1975 to 2014, please contact Merle at 506-773-9719. Thank You!

**2) 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.

**3) Futures Team Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**4) Our next St. Andrew's United Breakfast** gathering will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Portage Restaurant. All are very welcome to attend.

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

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

## 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) Are you a senior and looking for services to help you stay in your home longer? We are here to help provide information and navigate services such as in-home care services, community transportation, Meals on Wheels, in-home social visits, telephone check-ins, applications for government funded seniors' programs. The Nursing Home, Without Walls program is located at Shannex Losier Hall. For more information, contact Nursing Home Without Walls program at Shannex Losier Hall: Call 506-773-4214 or E-mail us [NHWWMiramichi@shannex.com](mailto:NHWWMiramichi@shannex.com)

**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 Inez Jenkins by her Family.**



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