



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



January 12, 2025.

The Baptism of the Lord

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."



This is My Son whom I love listen to Him
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Sunday Worship Service

(January 12, 2025. Baptism of the Lord)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Ron Carter & Anne Brown

* **Symbol indicates to stand as able.**

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit: VU #374, "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" vs. 1

**Come and find the quiet centre
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.**

Lightning the Christ Candle: *Liz Mullin*

Unchanging and infinite God, we are here in Your presence to be transformed by Your Spirit. Our life is short and our troubles are many but, in Your presence we affirm that You are greater than anything of this world. Amen.

All: (Sung) VU #81 vs, 5, "As with Gladness Men of Old"

**In the heavenly country bright
none shall need created light;
you its light, its joy, its crown,
you its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
hallelujah to our King.**

Welcome

Call to Worship: (only the bolded section)

Jesus of Nazareth came one day but no one recognized him.

The Spirit of Truth has guided his people and they recognized who he is.

Where is life that we should be overwhelmed by challenges?

Life is found in the one who came from the Father and he gives living water!

How can this be? In our modern age, how can we know who he is?

The word became flesh and he dwelled among us. But when he took the throne meant for him, he sent us his Spirit so we may never again be without him! Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** VU #218, “We Praise You, O God”

Opening Prayer: (read together with congregation)

Who can understand the secrets found in Your word O God? We cannot. Alone we cannot. The universe is vast and complex and we are just dust in the great canvas of the cosmos. We need help, we need a helper. We thank you Lord that You have given us the Spirit of Truth which will guide us into all truth. Teach us about who you are because there is no higher call and no greater truth than to discover You! Amen.

Children’s Time:

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: “Spirit of Life”

Message: Luke 3:15-18

Pastoral Prayer:

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn:** VU 378, “Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart”

Announcements: *Jeanne Breau*

Invitation to the Offering:

***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:** (read together with congregation)

Where Your love resides there is wholeness,
Where Your peace rests there is harmony,
Where Your Spirit lives there is freedom.

**God of gentle whisper, cooling breeze and sweet perfume,
Infuse our lives with all that is good and pure and holy, and
we shall be a fragrant offering wherever You need us. 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:

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn:** "I'll Fly Away"

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing:** VU #958, "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

**Halle, halle , hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Don Sweezey**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Don Sweezey**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Jim & Faye Wilson.

Worship:

▪ **Greeters: Jan. 19** – Joan MacKnight-Savoy & Marjorie MacPhee/**Jan. 26-** Ray & Janice Carter

▪ **Sound System: Jan. 12** – Paul Rose/**Jan. 19-** Barry Campbell/**Jan. 26** – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint: Jan. 12** – Mary Reynolds/**Jan. 19** – Mary Reynolds/**Jan. 26** – Karen Rose

-**Offering Collectors: Jan. 12** – Ernie & Ferne MacLean, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly/**Jan. 19** – Patti Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Jan. 26** – Debbie Stymiest, Moses Akinyode, Barry & Bev Campbell

▪ **Offering Counters: Jan. 12** – Karen Rose & Cynthia Duplessie/**Jan. 19** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Jan. 26** – Karen Rose & Debbie Stymiest

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 5 th	\$ 1,365.00
Weekly Par Collection	\$ 1,120.31
Total for Week of Jan. 5th	\$ 2,485.31

This Week:

1) Monday, Jan. 13th - 1:30 p.m. - St. Andrew's Exercise Class

2) Tuesday, Jan. 14th – 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Team

3) A special Thank You is extended to Carol & Lee Johnston, Cynthia Duplessie, Wanda MacDonald and Helen Jones, for coming to help take down the decorations and lug them all downstairs to be put away. Thank you is also extended to Paul Rose and Laurie Gorman for taking the tree apart and putting it away for us.

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 100th 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) Sunday, Jan. 19th – We will welcome Rev. Alexander Sutherland to our pulpit.

3) 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.

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 Carl & Helen Jarvis and Bill & Bernice
Campbell by Barry & Bev Campbell.**



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