



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



February 2, 2025

4th 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.”



“God’s Greatest Blessings”
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Sunday Worship Service

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Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Cynthia Duplessie & Patty Deitch

* Indicates to stand as you are able.

We Gather To Worship

Musical Prelude

Introit: VU # 218, vs. 3 “We Praise You, O God”

Lightning the Christ Candle: *Ferne MacLean*

In the endless darkness there was a light that would not be put out. In the deep abyss there was a voice ready to bring life. This light came and was born, he lived and he died but he remained without sin and blemish. In this light that shines in the darkness we see the only path to heaven! Amen

(As candle is lit we sing)

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

Welcome

***Opening Hymn: VU # 326, “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

Opening Prayer:

(read together with congregation)

God of gentle love we come to you with questions and concerns how to put Your teachings into action. We talk of love, but how do we live it out in times of conflict? We talk of Your truth, but how do we stay true to You in times of pressure and temptation? Infinite God, we praise You for how loving yet holy You are. Shape our hearts to the likeness of Jesus so we may love without expectation, give without reservation and forgive without condition. Amen.

* **Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 119, Part six (on page 841)

Children’s Time:

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: “Water Flowing from the Mountains”

Title of Sermon: Difficult people.....

Pastoral Prayer:

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn:** VU # 371, “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Announcements: *Judy Donnelly*

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** MV #191, “What Can I Do?”

***Offertory Prayer – (read together with congregation)**
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving all that you have given us. Everything we have comes from you. We offer ourselves, our time and our possessions, as signs of thanksgiving for your gracious love. Teach us to love with open hearts and open hands ready to receive your blessings and share them as well! In Jesus name, Amen.

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn:** VU #312, “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing:** MV # 214, “May God’s Sheltering Wings”

Musical Postlude



Heavenly Father help me to stand up for the values which you taught me, to confront problems as needed and not settle for an empty and fake version of peacefulness.

Teach me to be a peacemaker who always speaks the truth with respect even when it is unpopular and not a peacekeeper who is afraid of conflicts or arguments. Amen

Announcements

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Mrs. Marion Quinn**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Shirley Morrison.

Honorariums

In honour of **Helen Jones for all her kindness**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Claire Jardine.

Worship:

- **Greeters: Feb. 9** – Brian & Davida Adams/**Feb. 16** – Wanda MacDonald & Marina Tilley/**Feb. 23** – Frances Blakely & Donna Curtis
- **Sound System: Feb. 2** – Barry Campbell/**Feb. 9** – Paul Rose/**Feb. 16** – Brian Savoy/**Feb. 23** – Barry Campbell
- **PowerPoint: Feb. 2** – Mary Reynolds/**Feb. 9** – Barry Campbell/**Feb. 16** – Jennifer Walker/**Feb. 23** – Nathan Robichaud

-Offering Collectors:

- **Offering Counters: Feb. 9** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**Feb.16** – Denis & Judy Morrison/**Feb. 23** – Karen Rose & Carol Johnston

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 19 th	\$ 945.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,269.92</u>
Total for Week of Jan. 19th	\$ 2,214.92

This Week:

1) Church Office hours:

Monday 9-4; Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 9-2; Thursday – Closed;
Friday 9-4

2) Monday, Feb. 3rd and Thursday, Feb. 6th - 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's Exercise Class

3) Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 1:30 p.m. General UCW

Upcoming:

1) Thursday, Feb. 13th – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting

2) Monday, Feb. 20th – 10:30 a.m. – Church Council Meeting

Fundraisers:

1) The meat pie supper realized a profit of \$1,985.00. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

1) Love is in the Air – A Valentines Dessert Concert with the Villagers Choral Group here at St. Andrew's United Church on Thursday, Feb. 13th, 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.

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.



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