

St. Andrew's United Church
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Organist & Choir Director: Shirley Estey
Greeters: Diane Baker & Anna MacDonald

February 4, 2018
5th Sunday after the Epiphany

We Gather to Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able*

Musical Prelude

Stand, as able, when choir enters

*Introit: #395, Come In, Come In and Sit Down (vs. 2 & chorus)

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

God is with us in this place,

like a mother's warm embrace.

We're all forgiven by God's grace,

for we are a part of the family. *Chorus*

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Julia & Maya Campbell*

One: Gathered in the name of the One who said, "I am the Light of the world,"

All: let us celebrate life and offer thanks to God.

Sing: **Light up the candle every day,**

Jesus be with us here as we pray.

*Call to Worship:

Great is our God and abundant in power, with wisdom beyond our understanding.

It is God who numbers all the stars and gives each of them a name, yet bends and heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds.

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Gather us in, O God, to worship and wonder.

Gather us in, to know of your abundant love.

*Hymn: #238, How Great Thou Art (vs. 1,2,3)

Opening Prayer: (*seated*)

Gracious God, hear our songs.

Gather us in as one people, that we may worship you as one body.

Heal our broken hearts and bind up our wounds,

that we may come into your presence healthy and whole.

**As we seek your wisdom, help us to discern your greatness,
and honor the power and glory of your love.**

**We pray in Jesus' name and with the words he taught: Our
Father, who art in heaven ... Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: #570, Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands (*congregation seated*)

Conversation with the Children

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, we often forget the glory of creation and
everything you have done for us. We ignore the beauty you place
all around us. We brush aside the ways you strengthen us. We
sing songs of lament instead of songs of praise and thanksgiving.
We lose ourselves in the busyness of life, and forget that we are
only found in you. Forgive us. Fill our hearts and our lips with
your praises, and turn our lives toward you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance:

L: Brothers and sisters, hear these words: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear God, and place their hope in God's steadfast love.

When we turn to God, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Wayne & Elizabeth Mullin*

**God of new life, when we find ourselves exhausted and weary
from life, help us turn toward you and your story, that we may be**

renewed. May the words we hear this day remind us that you give us strength to soar like eagles. Amen.

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 147, page 868-869, Part One

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

Ministry of Music: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Reflection on the Word

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: #670, Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Minute for Mission: "A Passion for Learning" – *Jayme Campbell*

Offering

*Offertory Choral Response: # 191, MV

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love, I'll do my share.

*Offertory Prayer:

Bless these gifts with your creative strength and power, O God, that those who need to know your love and feel your presence, may be blessed by the gifts we have given this day. Amen.

Prayers of the People: (*seated*)

*Hymn: #410, This Day God Gives Me

*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: God will renew your strength.

All: We will fly upon wings like eagles.

L: We will run the race and not become tired.

All: We will follow Christ and not grow weary.

L: We will tell the world what we have heard, and what we know to be true:

All: God is everlasting and true, powerful and mighty in love.

L: So, let us go from this place with the guidance of the Spirit in our steps and the warmth of Christ's love in our hearts. And may all the blessings of God be ours as we share them with others.

*Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace (on screen)

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of
Billy LeBreton by wife, Jacky LeBreton and Family.**

Tape Distribution: Feb. 5 – Jim & Faye Wilson/**Feb. 11** – Marjorie Cassidy

Duty Unit: Feb. Princess Street Unit/**March** – Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit

Greeters: Feb. 11 – Debbie Stymiest & Cynthia Duplessie/**Feb. 18** – Colleen Dickson & Judy Sipes

Sound System: Feb. 4 – Paul Rose/**Feb. 11** – John MacKnight/**Feb. 18** – Brian Savoy

Power Point: Feb. 4 – Juanita Hamilton/**Feb. 11** – Mary Reynolds/**Feb. 18** – Karen Rose

Offering Collections: Feb. 4 – Denis Desaulniers, Hallam Curtis, Holly Daley, Marjorie MacPhee/**Feb. 11** – Sam Shirley, Brenda & David Hicks, Barb Doucet/**Feb. 18** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Helen Jones, Carol Johnston

Offering Counters:

Feb. 4 – Juanita Hamilton, Marjorie MacPhee, Bill Hachey/**Feb. 11** – Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie Cassidy, Helen Jones/**Feb. 18** – Judy & Dennis Morrison, Clarke Fraser

Announcements:

This Week:

Monday, Feb. 5th – 11:30 a.m. – *Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit Meeting with a brown bag lunch*

- All Church Council team chairs are asked to have their reports into Karen at the church office for the Annual Report

Tuesday, Feb. 6th -10:00 a.m. - *Lenten Study: "Sharing Our Song of Faith", theme: God and Creation – All are welcome.*

– 3:00 p.m. – *Senior Choir Practice*

Wednesday, Feb. 7th – 12:00 noon – *Worship & Music Team Meeting with a brown bag lunch*

Upcoming:

Sunday, Feb. 11th – *Installation of UCW Officers for 2018*

Tuesday, February 13th (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) - ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.*** *If you would like to help on that day, please notify Anna MacDonald (773-6226).*

Tuesday, Feb. 13th – 10:00 a.m. – *Ecumenical Lenten Study: "Sharing Our Song of Faith", theme: Brokenness, Grace and Healing*

Wednesday, Feb. 14th – 12:15 p.m. – *Noon Lenten Service*

– 7:00 p.m. – *Ash Wednesday Service here at St. Andrew's jointly with Loggieville, Black River Pastoral Charge*

Organist for Church Funerals – The Church Council has set an honorarium of \$60.00 for the organist at church funerals, to be paid by the family.

Food Bank Delivery Volunteers are needed!

During the month of March, on the five Thursday mornings, our congregation is responsible for the pick-up of food orders from the Food Bank in Newcastle at 9:00 a.m. and delivering them to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Chatham where clients will come to get their pre-arranged box of groceries by 10:30 a.m. We need 2 persons for each Thursday of the month of March (you can volunteer to do one or more weeks) and the time commitment would be a maximum of 2 hours. A description of the duties is available at the church office. Please speak to Murray Gould for more information and let the office know if you can help. Thank You!

Confirmation preparation will begin soon for youth (13 yrs & up) or adults wishing to become full members of the church. Please notify Rev. Charlene if interested. Any adults wishing to transfer their church membership are asked to notify Karen at the church office.