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St. Andrew's United Church



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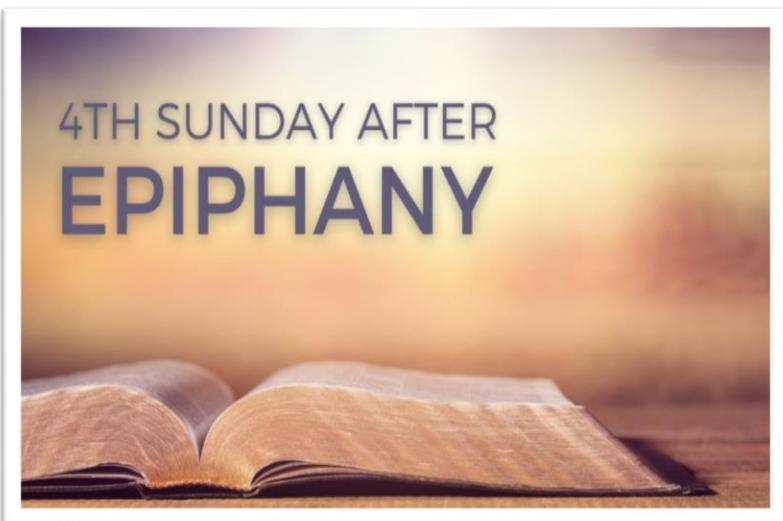
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Sunday, February 1, 2026

4th Sunday after Epiphany

St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian community that shares Christ's love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.



Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL

Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Brian & Joan Savoy

Sunday Worship Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

*Introit: VU #315, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holly, holly, holly, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Karen Rose*

We light the Christ Candle to remember that we don't have to be afraid; we have a Saviour who is ever present with us. For he said; I am the way, the truth and the life, he who follows me will not live in darkness but have the light of life!

Candle is lit as we sing: VU # 626, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" vs. 1

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest'
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

Call to Worship: (bolded sections only)

Lord, the world thinks the way of Jesus is weak!

Real strength is found not in oppression but in forgiveness!

Lord, people say Jesus' ideas are not realistic!

Love conquered the world once, if we want it, it can do so again!

Lord, no one is good enough to enter the Kingdom of God!

That is why Jesus came, so through him we may be free!

Opening Hymn: VU # 345, "Come Children, Join to Sing"

Opening Prayer: (read together with congregation)

Mighty God, you created the universe with a single breath of your word. You spoke and it came to be. Thank you that you set this world on its foundation and nothing can shake it. You are our Creator! Thank you, Lord that although you are infinite and limitless, you also pay attention to the little things. We praise you Lord because there are no problems too big and there are no problems too small with which you are not ready to help. In Jesus name, Amen.

Conversation for the Young at Heart

Offering

Choral Offertory:

**Sing, thanks to our God.
Sing, thanks to our God.
Sing, thanks to our God.
Sing, thanks to our God.**

Offertory Prayer: (read together with congregation)

Giving is not a loss but a privilege! Thank you Lord that you called us to give, not because you don't have enough but because we need to learn to be like your son! Teach us Lord, that giving shapes our heart and makes us people of Christ! Amen.

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Sermon: **Practical Christianity/ Back to the basics**

Prayer

We Respond

Special Music Video

Announcements: *Merle Milson*

* Hymn: VU #664, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

*Commissioning & Benediction:

*Choral Closing: MV #18, "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Musical Postlude

Sermon Note:

How does one become a Christian?

What is Christianity (according to Jesus)?

How does one continue as a Christian?



Announcements

Thank you is extended to Cynthia Duplessie for setting up the display last Sunday, Jan. 25th for the 50th Anniversary since the fire that destroyed the old St. Andrew's United Church.

Greeters: **Feb. 8** – Karen Rose & Helen Jones/**Feb. 15-** Bev Campbell & Muriel Lamkey

▪ **Sound System:** **Feb. 1** – Paul Rose/**Feb 8** – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Feb. 1** – Mary Reynolds/**Feb. 8** – Jennifer Walker

▪ **Offering Collectors:** **Feb. 1** – Barry & Bev Campbell, Judy Bowman, Cynthia Duplessie/**Feb. 8** – Brenda & David Hicks, Brian & Joan Savoy

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Feb. 1** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**Feb. 8** - Karen Rose & Cynthia Duplessie

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 26 th	\$ 1,005.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
Total for Week of Jan. 26th	\$ 2,264.00

This Week:

Sunday, Feb. 1 – Birthday Box for WDR (January Birthdays)

Sunday, Feb. 1 – We will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Food Bank once again. Your generosity is much appreciated by the Miramichi Food Bank and especially their clients.

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

Monday, Feb. 2 – 1:00 p.m. – St. Andrew's Fitness Club

Monday, Feb 2 – 2:00 p.m. – Property & Finance Meeting

Upcoming:

Thursday, Feb. 12th – 7:00 p.m. – “Love Is in the Air” Valentines Dessert & Concert by the Villagers Choral Group will be held here at St. Andrew's. Tickets are \$20 a person and are on sale now through the church office, calling Karen at 506-773-9932 or Lois at 506-625-2250

Tuesday, Feb. 17th – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. St. Andrew's will hold the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper once again. It will consist of pancakes, sausage, homemade beans, and a variety of delicious desserts. Price is \$12 a person; \$12.50 take-outs and \$6 children 12 and under.

The Christmas Hamper Program this year was completed a new way, this seemed to be so much easier to complete and was so organized. A very big Thank You to Cheryl Lamkey who spearheads this and also to Carol Johnston and Karen DeWolfe for all their time and organization. Thank you to workers who helped the day of distribution, they always do an amazing job and make St. Andrew's United Church proud for their fellowship and kindness shown to all the clients. The financial for this project was as shown:

Donations from the congregation	\$ 2,265.00
Memory Wreath Project	\$ 552.00
Loonie Sock	\$ 568.25
Total	\$ 3,385.25
Minus Expenses	\$ 1,712.21
Remainder for Benevolent Fund	\$ 1,673.04

***Lastly thank you to everyone who helped with donations for any of these projects that help the clients have a wonderful Christmas.**

Fundraisers:

Last year we passed out bags in the church bulletin with a fundraiser for Easter 2026. The write up read:

Happy Easter Everyone!

This is a new fundraiser, for all to join.

This will help us to stay strong and reach our goals.

This little gift bag is yours to fill,

A gift a week of a loonie will help us succeed,

To fill our special bags till next Easter morning.

That's 52 loonies for the church to use.

Thank you for helping to make us grow,

Just like the spring flowers we all look

forward too

With the thought of Easter on its way.



Community:

CGIT Alumni will meet at Pizza Delight (Chatham) for their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 2nd at 11:30 a.m. All former CGIT are invited to attend.

Wednesday, Feb. 18th – 7:00 p.m. – Combined Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Carmel United Church, Napan.

Anyone in need of Emergency Pastoral Care please contact the church office at 506-773-9932 and Karen will look after the arrangements.



In many places in February, winter persists with its short days and lingering cold. Everything seems to take a little more effort—getting out the door, checking in on one another, and finding energy when the season feels heavy.

This time of year can feel long. But it's also a reminder that care is deeply needed. Through Mission and Service, that care shows up in practical, meaningful ways.

Through your generosity, Mission and Service partners are a consistent presence in the middle of winter—whether there's snow or heat. Partners are supporting people facing food insecurity, displacement, isolation, and uncertainty. Your support becomes warmth, stability, and care where it's needed now.

Hope in winter doesn't have to be dramatic. Sometimes it looks like consistency. Sometimes it looks like staying engaged in the face of enduring hardships. Mission and Service partners respond to the needs of their communities with commitment and creativity—and your support is needed to give them the flexibility to do that work well.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside Mission and Service partners. Your generosity makes a difference—steadily and when it matters most.

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