



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



March 16, 2025.

2nd Sunday in Lent

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."**



Lent

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Sunday Worship Service

(March 16, 2025. 2nd Sunday in Lent)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Valerie Flynn & Barbara Doucet

We Gather To Worship

* Means to Stand as Able

Music Prelude:

Introit: MV #7, "Gather Us In"

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

**Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.**

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle: *Brenda Hicks*

God of gentle voice, You do not shout or thunder, but it is the still small voice of your love which penetrates our cluttered minds. In the noise of this world everyone seems to shout but you do not. Lead us Lord to speak with the gentle voice that once changed the world. Amen.

Welcome

Call to Worship: (unison)

We are imperfect people; imperfect parents or children or friends. Even when our intentions are good, we still fall short of what is kind, good and loving. But you are our perfect parent. Your ways are without fault; your plans are without error. Help us to see you as you really are. Help us not simply to listen to your words of eternal life but accept it and apply it as well. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** VU # 322, "O God, Whose First Creative Word"

Opening Prayer: (unison)

God of love but also of righteousness, we come to you today to dwell in the depth of feeling that you have for us.

You don't look at anyone and say; that's worthless. You don't look at anyone and say; that's beyond help. Your love is infinite, it encompasses everything. We thank you that everything you say is true and everything you plan is perfect and pure. Help us to listen even when it's difficult, help us to hear you word even when it's uncomfortable. Amen.

Children's Time:

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: "One More Step Along the World I Go"

Sermon: Good mark, Bad mark

Pastoral Prayer:

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** VU #675, "Will Your Anchor Hold"

Announcements: *John Bosma*

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:

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn: "Give Thanks"**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy one;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the son.**

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**And now let the weak say: "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

***Offering Prayer:** (unison)

Gracious God, we offer our best -for fear that- in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a people united by the New Covenant, we seek to be instruments of your will. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as a living sacrifice. In Jesus name, Amen!

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn:** VU #703, "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing:** VU #967, "Amen"
Amen, Amen, Amen

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Family of the late Kendall Harrison (Regional Council Representative) on his sudden passing on Monday, March 10th, 2025. Kendall was our liaison with Regional on our ministry personnel. This leaves a large impact on our Regional Council and its members.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Brian Cameron**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen Jones.

In loving memory of **Father Leon Creamer**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen Jones.

In loving memory of **Lorraine Moller**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from her husband, John Moller.

Worship:

▪ **Greeters: March 23** – Jennifer Walker & Karen Rose/**March 30** – Ferne MacLean & Shirley MacDonald

▪ **Sound System: March 16** – Paul Rose/**March 23** – Barry Campbell

▪ **PowerPoint: March 16** – Barry Campbell/**March 23** – Jennifer Walker

-**Offering Collectors: March 16**– Holly Daley, Bev & Barry Campbell & Judy Donnelly/**March 23** – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison

▪ **Offering Counters: March 16** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**March 23** – Karen Rose & Marjorie Cassidy

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, March 9 th	\$ 930.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,270.00</u>
Total for Week of March 9th	\$ 2,200.00

This Week:

1) Church Office hours: Monday 9-4; Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 9-4, Thursday 9-4 and Friday 9-1.

2) St. Andrew's Exercise Classes are cancelled till after Easter.

3) Tuesday, March 18th – 1:30 p.m. – Ladies are needed to make sandwiches for the Lenten Service.

4) Wednesday, March 19th – Volunteers are needed to help work the Lenten Service and help with clean-up.

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Wk	Date	Theme	Presider	Preacher
1	Mar 5	Hope is a Virtue	Derrick Carnahan	Daniel Szemok
2	Mar 12	Belief in Life Everlasting	Eddie Quann	Derrick Carnahan
3	Mar 19	Death & Resurrection of Jesus	Merle Milson	Keith Carter
4	Mar 26	Life is Changed not Ended, Forever	Antoni Reyes	Perry Cooper
5	Apr 2	The Gift of New Life	Ted Quann	David Rioux
6	Apr 9	The Anchor of Jesus is Our Stability	Daniel Szemok	Ray Arsenaault
7	Apr 16	<i>This week will be used only if a storm cancels a previous week</i>		

*A donation of \$5.00 is suggested for lunch. Funds from the free-will offering, after lunch expenses, will go to support **Women's Emergency Centre for Women**.

Upcoming:

1) Sunday, March 23rd – Annual Meeting following the morning worship service.

2) Tuesday, March 25th - 1:30 p.m. - General UCW Meeting

3) Monday, March 31st – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting

Fundraisers:

1) Last year we asked the congregation for a donation of a gift card in the amount of \$25 to anywhere they chose.

We are once again asking for this donation towards draws for fundraising for St. Andrew's. These will be used in two gift baskets

that will be drawn along with other items twice during the year. We hope we can count on your support to make these fundraisers as good as the ones last year. Deadline for gift cards is Thursday, March 27th.

1) St. Andrew's Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 10th. People are invited to start saving their items they wish to donate. A notice will sent out closer to the date for drop off times.

2) In late August we will once again hold our "Good Used Clothing Sale" keep this in mind when you are spring housecleaning.

Community:

1) DESSERT THEATRE: The St. J & J Drama Troupe of St. James & St. John's United Church, is presenting a dessert theatre, "The Mapleton Die-Nasty" on April 4, 5 & 6. Tickets are \$20 each, available at the United Church office and Dickinson's Pharmasave. The show starts at 7:00 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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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