



The United Church of Canada  
L'Église Unie du Canada

# St. Andrew's United Church



February 4, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> 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.*”



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# Sunday Worship Service

(February 4, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany)

**Worship Leader:** Daniel Szemok, LLWL  
**Organist & Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon  
**Greeters:** Brian & Davida Adams

**\* In highlighted parts, let us present ourselves to God by standing or sitting freely according to each one's physical condition. If there is no highlight, remain seated.**

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## We Gather To Worship

**Music Prelude:** *Organist*

**Introit:** *Choir* – VU 232, vs. 1 ‘Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee’

**Lightning the Christ Candle:** Cynthia Duplessie

Hymn: # 87, chorus

**I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

L: In the light of this Candle,

**All: We celebrate Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and the  
call which we have heard to follow him.**

L: May the light of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship:** (to be read in unison)

**God of wonders, God of perfect plans, we turn to you full of ideas  
of what you should do. We are filled with plans that are nice and  
good but you make plans that are perfect and eternal. Help us  
not to replace your eternal perfection with good intentions.  
Teach us not to settle for anything else than the perfect love that  
you have for us. Help us to put you first beyond our ideas and  
ambition so we may be called children of God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU 240, “Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven”

**\*Opening Prayer:** (to be read in unison)

**God of patience and gentleness, we are here today to learn and grow. What do you want us to do? Where do you want us to go? Guide our hearts and guide our minds so we would act according to the nature of your son: For it is natural for us to be impatient or grumpy, it is easy for us to criticize or to gossip. You didn't simply call us to be believers of anything but to be actual followers of your son. Help us not to act according to our fallen human nature, but according to your perfect Christ-like nature. Amen.**

### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Ministry of Music:** "Though I May Speak"

**Sermon:** Mushy feelings

**Pastoral Prayer:**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**Announcements:** Judy Donnelly

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Offering Hymn:** VU #227, vs. 3 "For the Fruit of all Creation"

**\*Offering Prayer:** (to be read in unison)

**God of blessings, we are good at asking, but bad at giving. We are generous in giving you ideas of what you should do, but we are reluctant in following your call to generosity. Open our hearts to the needs around us so we may open our check books and follow you with actions. Help us to be people who give, not for fame or for recognition but for an honest desire to do what's right, to build your Kingdom! In Jesus name Amen!**

### **WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*Blessing Hymn:** VU 663, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*Choral Closing:** (Choir) “Go Now in Peace”

**Musical Postlude**

**Passage of the Week**

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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**Bible Readings for this week (Year B):**

**Isaiah 40:21–31 / Psalm 147:1–11, 20c / 1 Corinthians 9:16–23 / Mark 1:29–39**

- **Isaiah 40:21–31:** How have you felt God renewing your strength when you have felt weak?
- **Psalm 147:1-11, 20c:** With reference to any personal challenges that you might be encountering at this point, what would the hallelujah look like for you?
- **1 Corinthians 9:16-23:** What are some of your personal privileges and how do you use them to serve others and the gospel?
- **Mark 1:29-39:** Where and how have you seen God at work during your wilderness moments?

*The Upper Room, Disciplines 2024*

## Announcements

### ■ Memorials:

- In loving memory of **Lorraine Moller**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from her husband, John Moller.
- In loving memory of **Callum MacPhee**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barry & Bev Campbell, Jeanne Breau, Barbara Doucet, Karen & Paul Rose.
- In loving memory of **Callum MacPhee**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Helen Jones.
- In loving memory of **Roy Matheson**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Barbara Doucet.

### ■ Worship:

#### 1. Welcome everyone who worships with us today.

#### 2. Worship Volunteers:

- **Greeters: Feb. 11** – Ron Carter & Ann Brown/**Feb. 18** – Carney Harris & Wanda MacDonald/**Feb. 25** – Barbara Doucet & Donna Curtis
- **Sound System: Feb. 4** – Paul Rose/**Feb. 11** – Brian Savoy/**Feb. 18** – Don Bowman/**Feb. 25** – Barry Campbell
- **PowerPoint: Feb. 4** – Mary Reynolds/**Feb. 11** – Barry Campbell/**Feb. 18** – Jennifer Walker/**Feb. 25** – Nathan Robichaud
- **Offering Counters: Feb. 4** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Feb. 11** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**Feb. 18** – Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie Cassidy/**Feb. 25** – Judy & Dennis Morrison

#### 3. Weekly Collection;

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 1,137.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,286.77</u>
<b>Total for Week of Jan. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,423.66</b>
<b>Amount needed weekly to meet Budget</b>	<b>\$3,962.00</b>

**Expenditures in the budget each week include:**

Hydro \$289, Phone \$73, Casual Labour \$50, Conference \$155, Wages & Benefits \$3000, Mileage \$15, Bank Charges \$10, Photo Copier \$38. (These figures are based on weekly totals and broken down) Some weeks see expenses for office supplies, worship supplies, janitor supplies, repairs within the church, continuing education etc.

- 4. The Sound System Fundraising is now complete.** The work should happen soon to complete hooking up the other speakers and installing another amplifier.

**■ Regional & General Council News:**

**1. Reimagining Church-Reclaiming your Call (for Lay People only)**

Live Sessions

February 10, 24, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, 2024. 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET.

Register at United in Learning website:

<https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=132>

**■ This Week:**

**1. Church Office hours:**

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**2. Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 p.m. – *Faith & Spiritual Development Team Meeting***

**■ Upcoming:**

**1. “Love is in the Air” the Villagers Choral Group** presents a Dessert & Song Concert here at St. Andrew’s United Church on Friday, Feb.9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and are on sale now through the church office. Limited tickets.

**2. Shrove Tuesday Pancake** supper will here at St. Andrew’s United Church on Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Eat-In) Supper will include pancakes, sausage, beans & dessert. Free will offering will be taken.

**3. A joint Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew’s with the Loggieville/Black River Pastoral Charge and the Loggieville/Black River Choir.

**4. Yard and Bake Sale** will take place here at St. Andrew's on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. People are asked to consider saving items that are in “**Good Working Condition**” for the yard sale.

**5. The “Good Used Clothing Sale”** will be held late August and people are asked to remember to save items for this sale.

■ **Community Event:**

**1. Annual White Gold Dinner/Concert**, Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Beaverbrook Kin Centre. Supper at 5 pm followed by the concert.

Tickets are \$40.00; by reservation only, call Susan at 506-622-1780 or email [susanbutler@xplornet.com](mailto:susanbutler@xplornet.com).

■ **Minister's Office:**

**1. Pastoral Care and Pastoral Visit**

When you need pastoral care or a minister's visit, **Do not hesitate** to contact Rev. Eunkyul Ji or call the church office.

**E-mail: [rev.ekji@gmail.com](mailto:rev.ekji@gmail.com)**

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins  
in loving memory of Reta Godfrey (Mom)  
by Gloria & Roxanne and Family.**

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