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# St. Andrew's United Church



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**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

**5th 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:** Karen Rose & Helen Jones

# Sunday Worship Service

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

\*Introit: VU 315, vs. 1 “**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**

**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Brenda Hicks*

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.

Candle is lit as we sing: VU # 626, vs. 3 “I heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,**  
**“I am this dark world’s light;**  
**look unto me, your morn shall rise,**  
**and all your day be bright.”**  
**I looked to Jesus, and I found**  
**in him my star, my sun;**  
**and in that light of life I’ll walk**  
**till travelling days are done.**

Call to Worship: (only the bolded sections)

The first commandment of the Lord is this;

**...we shall have no other gods before Him!**

God called us to worship Him and Him alone!

**But we have sinned against Him and broke His covenant!**

Our own actions could not save us so God came down to us!

**We are holy people made righteous not by our deeds but by Christ!**

\*Opening Hymn: VU # 421, “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

Opening Prayer: (unison)

**Wonderful councillor, we praise you for the wisdom with which you guide us. We thank you for the love with which you protect us. Help us to empty the throne room of our hearts so it may have nothing else but you! Help us to throw out all the clutter that tries to compete with you, for our limited attention! May you be the one and only object of our peace, rest and life! 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: (unison)

**Lord we so quickly forget the point of tithing. Giving is not a popularity contest or a convenience! We are called to give and help but not for fame or to impress people with our own generosity! We are called to mimic Jesus; to be humble like him; not bragging with our own goodness but combining generosity with humility! Amen.**

### **We Hear the Word Proclaimed**

Ministry of Music: "It Is No Secret"

Sermon: **Idols of the Heart**

Prayer

### **We Respond**

\*Hymn: VU # 575, "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Announcements: *John Bosma*

\* Hymn: "I'll Fly Away"

\*Commissioning & Benediction:

\*Choral Closing: MV #213, “Take Up This Song”

Take up his song of peace  
and go into the world.  
Take up his song of peace  
in ev’ry moment.

In ev’ry moment of the journey,  
we’re laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in peace,  
lay them down and take up his song.

Musical Postlude

**Sermon Note:**

*“What do I do that gives me the sense of self \_\_\_\_\_, satisfaction and \_\_\_\_\_, that is only supposed to come from \_\_\_\_\_?”*



## Announcements

In loving memory of **Barrie Fisher**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Judy & Dennis Morrison.

In loving memory of **Elmer Jenkins**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen and Alison Jones and Family.

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**Greeters:** **Feb. 15-** Bev & Barry Campbell/**Feb. 22** – Margaret & Benjamin Glidden

▪ **Sound System:** **Feb 8** – Brian Savoy/**Feb. 15** – Paul Rose

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Feb. 8** – Jennifer Walker/**Feb. 15** – Barry Campbell

- **Offering Collectors:** **Feb. 8** – Brenda & David Hicks, Brian & Joan Savoy/**Feb. 15** – Liz & Denis Desaulniers, Dennis & Judy Morrison

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Feb. 8** - Karen Rose & Cynthia Duplessie/**Feb. 15** – Betty MacDiarmid & Debbie Stymiest

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 1,125.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
<b>Total for Week of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,384.00</b>

**Total needed to meet budget \$3,471.15 weekly.**

**The congregation is reminded that the suggestion box** is at the back of the church for anyone who would like to make a suggestion either for a worship service, a favourite hymn, for a fundraiser, for an event that you would like to see happen in the church, etc.

(You do not have to sign the suggestions.) The box will be checked on a regular basis and the suggestions sent to the appropriate teams.

## **This Week:**

**Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** – 1:00 p.m. – St. Andrew’s Fitness Class

**Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** – 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 a.m. – Community of Faith Profile Team Meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – 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

## **Upcoming:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** – 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 desserts. Price is \$12 a person; \$12.50 take-outs and \$6 children 12 and under.

**Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 p.m. – St. Andrew’s are invited to join in the Ash Wednesday Service that will be held at Carmel United Church, Napan.

## **Fundraisers:**

Last year we passed out bags in the church bulletin with a fundraiser for Easter 2026. The write up read: Some bags are available on the back table by the church office.

**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:**

**Lenten Services: every Wednesday from Feb. 18 to Mar 25, 2026 12:15 to 12:45 pm** followed by a light lunch at Skyway to Heaven Church.

### **Theme is “Cries from the Cross” Seven Last Words of Christ**

**Week One:** Feb. 18 – Theme “Forgiveness” Presider: Derrick Carnahan and Preacher: Ray Arsenault

**Week Two:** Feb. 25 – Theme “A New Heaven and A New Earth” Presider: Ray Arsenault and Preacher: Derrick Carnahan

**Week Three:** March 4 – Theme “The Bonds of Family, Friends and Community” Presider: Ivan Grean and Preacher: Daniel Szemok

**Week Four:** March 11 – Theme “Suffering” Presider: Keith Carter and Preacher: David Rioux

**Week Five:** March 18- Theme “Need” Presider: Merle Milson and Preacher: Ivan Grean

**Week Six:** March 25 – Theme “Fulfillment Presider: Perry Cooper and Preacher: Eddie Quann

**April 1** – This week will be used only if a storm cancels a previous week.

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

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

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins  
in loving memory of Bobby MacFarlane  
by Bill, Carol Ann MacFarlane and Family.**



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