



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

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.

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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.

In loving memory of **Elmer Jenkins**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Mary & Kyla Reynolds.

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

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. 9th – 1:00 p.m. – St. Andrew's Fitness Class

Tuesday, Feb. 10th – 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 12th – 10:30 a.m. – Community of Faith Profile Team Meeting

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

Upcoming:

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 desserts. Price is \$12 a person; \$12.50 take-outs and \$6 children 12 and under.

Wednesday, Feb. 18th – 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 Jerney’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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