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# St. Andrew's United Church



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**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of 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:** Cynthia Duplessie & Patty Deitch

# Sunday Worship Service

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

### Musical Prelude

\*Introit: VU #79, "Arise Your Light is Come" vs. 4

**Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.**

### Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Liz Mullin*

Unchanging and infinite God, we are here in Your presence to be transformed by Your Spirit. Our life is short and our troubles are many but, in Your presence we affirm that You are greater than anything of this world. Amen.

Candle is lit as we sing: VU #96, "Will You Come and See the Light" vs. 5

**Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?  
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,  
and the darkness all about  
is to dim to put it out:  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

Call to Worship: (only the bolded section)

Jesus of Nazareth came one day but no one recognized him.

**The Spirit of Truth has guided his people and they recognized who he is.**

Where is life that we should be overwhelmed by challenges?

**Life is found in the one who came from the Father and he gives us living water!**

How can this be? In our modern age, how can we know who he is?

**The word became flesh and he dwelled among us. But when he took the throne meant for him, he sent us his Spirit so we may never again be without him! Amen.**

Opening Hymn: VU #97, "When A Star is Shining"

Opening Prayer: (read together with congregation)

**Who can understand the secrets found in Your word O God?**

**We cannot. Alone we cannot. The universe is vast and complex and we are just dust in the great canvas of the cosmos. We need help, we need a helper. We thank you Lord that You have given us the Spirit of Truth which will guide us into all truth. Teach us about You because there is no higher call and no greater truth than to discover You! Amen.**

\*Hymn: VU 29, "Hark the Glad Sound"

Conversation for the Young at Heart

Offering

Choral Offertory:

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Offertory Prayer: (read together with congregation)

Where Your love resides there is wholeness,

Where Your peace rests there is harmony,

Where Your Spirit lives there is freedom.

**God of gentle whisper, cooling breeze and sweet perfume,  
Infuse our lives with all that is good and pure and holy, and  
we shall be a fragrant offering wherever You need us. Amen.**

### We Hear the Word Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: "He Is Born"

Sermon: EPIPHANY

### We Respond

Announcements: *Marj MacPhee*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn: VU 101, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

\*Commissioning & Benediction:

\*Choral Closing: “Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” vs. 1

Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh refresh us, Oh, refresh us,  
As we enter the New Year. Amen.

Musical Postlude

Sermon Note:

What is Epiphany?

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## Announcements

**Greeters:** Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Ferne & Ernie MacLean/**Jan. 25** – Debbie Stymiest & Norma Richardson

- **Sound System:** Jan. 11 – Don Bowman/**Jan. 18** – Brian Savoy
- **PowerPoint:** Jan. 11 – Barry Campbell/**Jan. 18** - Jennifer Walker
- **Offering Collectors:** Jan. 11 – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/ **Jan. 18** – Helen Jones, Ernie & Ferne MacLean, Debbie Stymiest
- **Offering Counters:** Jan. 11 – Betty MacDiarmid, Debbie Stymiest/**Jan. 18** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 869.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
<b>Total for Week of Jan. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,128.00</b>

### This Week:

1. **Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** – 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Meeting.

### Community:

1. **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** – Saturday, Jan. 17, 26 at St. Mary's Anglican Church from 9 am- 10:30 am. Guest speaker Scott LeBreton and music by Second Chance. A Free will offering will be taken.
2. **Annual White Gold Dinner/Concert** will be held, Sunday February 8th. Supper at 5pm followed by music featuring, Bert Munn, Villagers, Rhonda Allison, Gerry Roberts, Elizabeth Shatford, Susan Butler& David Bunell. This will be held at the Beaverbrook Kin Centre. There will be door prizes and the menu caters to special diets. Tickets are \$45.00 each by reservation only. Call Susan at 506-622-1780 or e – mail susanbutler867@gmail.com

## Minute for Mission



### ***Hungry Heart Café & Catering***

**In St. John's, NL, Hungry Heart Café & Catering is a place where good food and good hearts come together. For 18 years, this social enterprise of Mission and Service partner Stella's Circle has been serving the community while opening doors for people who face barriers to employment.**

**At Hungry Heart, every dish tells a story of learning and possibility. The café provides hands-on culinary training and real work experience for people who are rebuilding their lives.**

**Many participants live with the impacts of mental health challenges, trauma, poverty, homelessness, or low literacy. Some are trying to re-enter the workforce after long absences. What they find at Hungry Heart is a safe space to learn at their own pace. Staff offer mentorship, life-skills support, and steady encouragement. The goal isn't just to teach restaurant skills. It's to help people gain confidence, develop independence, and imagine a future where they can thrive. Food security is another part of the café's mission. Through the Meals Squared program, customers can add a small**

donation to their bill. That donation goes directly toward providing nutritious meals to Stella's Circle participants and other neighbours who are experiencing hunger. It's a simple way to care for the community, one meal at a time.

And behind it all is Stella's Circle, a Mission and Service partner known for responding quickly to changing needs, and for creating programs that meet people where they are. Whether it's updating training opportunities, collaborating with community groups, or addressing rising food insecurity, the people at Stella's Circle continue to innovate so community members can receive the kind of support that makes a real and sustainable difference.

Through Mission and Service, your support helps strengthen Stella's Circle and the Hungry Heart Café, ensuring this community remains a place of opportunity, dignity, and good food shared with care. It's one way to come together to help people build skills, find stability, and move toward the futures they imagine for themselves, reflecting Christ's call to walk with one another in compassion and hope.

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