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St. Andrew's United Church



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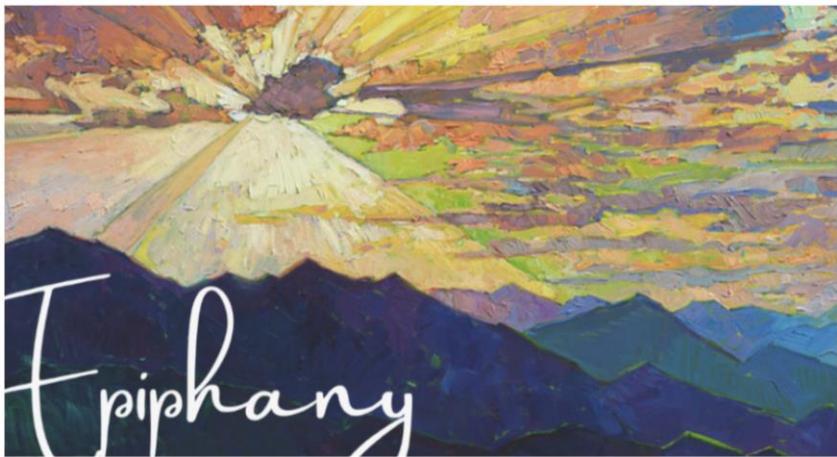
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Sunday, January 18, 2026

2nd 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: Ferne & Ernie MacLean

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: *Jennifer Walker*

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:

Thanks to our God.
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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: *Judy Donnelly*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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

*Commissioning & Benediction:

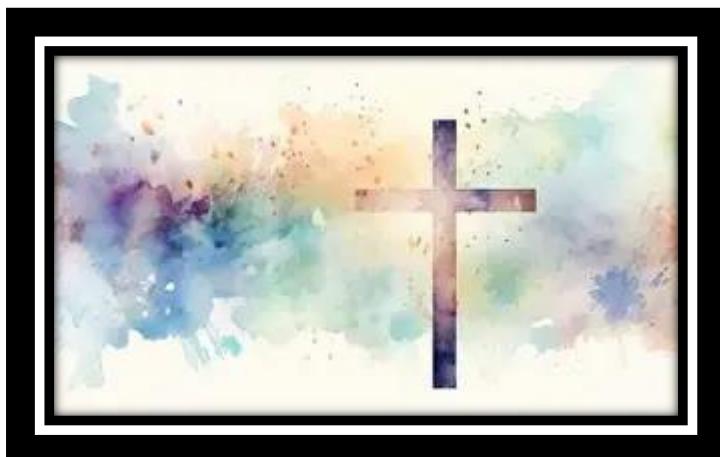
*Choral Closing: “Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” vs. 1

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?



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

- **Jack Upham and Family on the death of his wife, Elsie Upham.**
- **Margaret & John Glidden on the death of their niece, Kimberly Edwards.**
- **Henry Wilson, Bob Wilson, Collen Dickson & Brenda Jardine and the Wilson Family on the death of their nephew, Michael Gouchie.**

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Elsie Upham**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Dennis & Judy Morrison, Barbara Doucet, Paul & Karen Rose and Family.

In loving memory of **Kimberly Edwards**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Helen Jones and Family.

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Greeters: **Jan. 25** – Debbie Stymiest & Norma Richardson/**Feb. 1** Brian & Joan Savoy

▪ **Sound System:** **Jan. 18** – Brian Savoy/**Jan. 25** – Paul Rose

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Jan. 18** - Jennifer Walker/**Jan. 25** – Barry Campbell

▪ **Offering Collectors:** **Jan. 18** – Helen Jones, Ernie & Ferne MacLean, Debbie Stymiest/**Jan. 25** -

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Jan. 18** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**Jan. 25** – Karen Rose & Liz Mullin

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

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

Upcoming:

1. **St. Andrew's Social Club is holding a “Yankee Swap”** for all the ladies in the congregation to take part in, this will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29th at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to bring in small gift wrapped/bagged, it can be a regular gift or a gag gift. This will be pot luck luncheon so you are invited to help with the luncheon. This will be a time of fellowship and as you know we always have lots of laughter. Bring a friend.

Community:

1. **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
2. **Some of you will remember Temilola Oluadare who has attend our church some, Temilola and her friend Eman Alahamad have written and published a new children's book entitled “Sami and the Talking Pencil”.** They are both grade 11 students at James M. Hill Memorial High School. They are selling their book for \$15 each and there is some in the church office for sale. This would be a great gift for your grandchildren or great grandchildren.

Minute for Mission Story



If you ever travel to the northern mountains of India and meet a man named Surrender Singh, the first thing he'll do is invite you on a walk. Not a short stroll, but a real mountain trek. And the beauty of the Himalayas is only part of what he wants to show you.

With him as your guide, the trail becomes a story. Every bend holds a memory. Every village has a face he knows.

Many still call him "Singh san" from his time training at the Asian Rural Institute, a Mission and Service partner in Japan. For more than four decades, he has climbed these ridges. As you walk beside him, people call out greetings. He calls them by name. Someone brings tea. He digs in his pack and pulls out bananas or biscuits to share. And suddenly you're not just passing through—you're part of the conversation.

He'll point to a house and tell you how he once slept on the floor there while helping build a water pipeline with the Mussoorie Village Development Committee, the group he now leads. Another turn in the path, and he's showing you the school that has given local children a chance to learn close to home.

And then there are the women's groups. Surrender Singh lights up talking about them. He trained them in organic farming. Now they grow and sell their produce, earning steady incomes and strengthening their families and communities.

By the time you reach the end of the trail, you realize that you haven't just taken a hike. You've walked through the story of a life spent in gratitude and service to others.

Mission and Service partners like the Asian Rural Institute are where leaders like Surrender Singh gain the skills and confidence to transform their communities. When you support [Mission and Service](#), you help grow this kind of leadership and community—the kind that takes root, spreads, and changes lives, one mountain path at a time.

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