



## ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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**November 5, 2023**



**Minister:** Tim Bowman

**Music Director:** Deborah Handley

**Musician:** Jacob Greenan

**Church Administrator:** Angela Darychuk

**Remember the time change on Saturday night!**

**We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday!**  
**Worship is at 11:30. Coffee Time is 10:45.**

### Scriptures for November 5, 2023

Micah 3:1-12

Psalms 43 [VU 769 R1]

Matthew 23:1-12

### Hymns for November 5, 2023

MV 28 - "God of the Bible"

MV 157 - "I Am a Child of God"

VU 524 - "O Canada"

VU 700 - "God of Freedom, God of Justice"

MV 115 - "Behold, I Make All Things New"

MV 182 - "Grateful" [Chorus, v2, Chorus]

**Broadcast Worship Service:** Gladwin Heights (our sister congregation) broadcasts their Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who can't make it in person. Go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. The live broadcast time will be 9:30 am. Note if you can't make it at 9:30 you can view it anytime on Facebook.

### Our Prayer List

Please hold these people and families in your heart and prayers:

Bernice • Roy • John • Sherry • Mel & family • Steven •  
Luke and family • Devon & family • Candace • Greta and family

Blessings,  
Pastoral Care Team

**Note:** Please contact Beate Pothmann to be included or removed from our prayer list.

# Happy Birthday

John Whitelaw – November 1

Zoë Bowman – November 7

Trudy Leishman – November 15

Jacob Greenan – November 27

## Ministers Message

*Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”*  
- Isaiah 7:10-16

Siblings in Christ,

I asked Zoë, “What should I talk about in my Minister’s Message?”

“What sort of things are you supposed to put in it?” she responded.

“Well, something to give people hope for the month.”

“Talk about my birthday!” she enthused.

Maybe I should, for there is something special about Fall and Winter birthdays. Spring and Summer birthdays seem more appropriate – a celebration of life while all of the natural world is bursting into life. November is the end of the Christian year; the end of the Season After Pentecost in which the Church comes into adulthood and lives out the promise of its birth in Christ. It seems perhaps a less auspicious, less appropriate time for a birthday. The natural world is shutting down.

Ahaz, king of Judah, is worried about the enemy forces arrayed against him. Like a proper Jew, he refuses to put God to the test by asking for a sign that all will be well, but God through the prophet Isaiah gives him one anyway. In the time it takes for a child to be born, be weaned, and develop a basic moral sense, the two kings who are causing him so much worry will be dead. In a time of fear and despair, when the land lies desolate

at the hands of the invaders, the birth of a child will be a sign of hope.

The birth of the child Jesus follows the same pattern: he is God’s saving act and the sign of that act, in an era of fear, violence and oppression for the Jewish people under the Romans. Jesus will grow to adulthood and give his people hope, only to be crucified by the Romans – but God will vindicate his message of God’s care and possibility, justice and mercy by raising him from death and glorifying him.

This is the reason for our peculiar Christian calendar. It ends not with Jesus’ death or resurrection, but at the end of a long period in which the Church appropriates and lives out Jesus’ promise for ourselves. That it culminates, in Reign of Christ Sunday, in the darkness of November only serves to emphasize the paradoxical nature of his victory over death, bringing light and hope in the darkness. This light and hope is born again, every year, when the nights are longest and the days shortest – but at his birth, the light begins to return.

At this dark time of the year, may you know the fullness of the possibility revealed in Christ; and may you look ahead to the Advent of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
Tim

### Regional Prayer Cycle for October 2023

<https://www.prayercycles.ca/> Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the Region. You are encouraged to name the community in your worship, to email a message indicating your prayer support, to pray for church personnel, and to include an ecumenical / interfaith focus.

Oct 1 [Armstrong: Zion](#)

Oct 8 [Breachin](#)

Oct 15 [Lynn Valley](#)

Oct 22 [Omineca](#)

Oct 29 [Crossroads](#)

**Calling all bakers:** St Andrew's will have a Cookie Corner at the All-Saints' Christmas Bazaar on November 18. We need OODLES of cookies, so we'd love everyone to bake some of their favorites. More information will be supplied in the coming weeks.

**Gifts for Children under 6:** We're entering a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival in early December. The theme is: "**A Small Child's Christmas**". The decorations will be toys and articles of clothing, anything suitable for a child under 6. If you have any knitted items or anything else, we'll be very happy to include them. Later, the trees are donated by the Christmas Bureau to a suitable family or location.

**2024 United Church Calendars for Sale:** We have a limited supply of 2024 calendars for sale. \$8.50 each. Please let the office know if you would like one.

### **Upcoming Happenings**

**November 1, 2023:** Visioning service in the chapel 10 am.

**November 4, 2023, Cluster year-end Social:** 3474 Gladwin Road. 10am to 1pm. The event includes a guest speaker, Congregational updates, a brief worship service and a chance to connect with our fellow cluster congregations. Bring a bagged lunch for yourself. Coffee, tea, and desserts provided.

**November 18, 2023, Christmas Creations Craft Fair:** Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. St Andrew's will have a Cookie Corner. All Saints Anglican Church Hall 33077 Second Avenue.

**November 22, 2023:** Visioning service 10 am.

**November 25, 2023:** Holiday Market and Tea. Saturday 1-4pm at Gladwin Heights United Church. Bake sale, Craft Market, Jams and jellies, Children's crafts, and a visit from Santa.

**November 29, 2023:** Visioning service 10 am.

**November 29, 2023:** Board meeting 1:30pm. All are welcome.

**November 29, 2023:** All is Calm concert series 12pm in the Sanctuary.

### **Outreach**

**Volunteers needed:** L.I.N.C. is having its much loved free **clean and sober Christmas dinner on December 14th**. The dinner will be held at All Saints Anglican Church at 33077 2nd Ave, Mission. Doors will open for dinner at 4pm. This is a full course dinner all made by L.I.N.C members and community volunteers. This is our first dinner since 2019. **Volunteers need to help bake, prepare, set up, serve and clean up for December 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> 9am -3pm, and December 14 9am – 9pm. Thanks. Sherry 604-852-5514.**

#### **Church office Hours:**

St. Andrews' office is open 9:00am – **3:00 pm**, Wednesday  
Gladwin Heights' office is open 9:00am – **3:00 pm**, Thursday  
Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrew's are Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

#### **Reverend Tim's office hours:**

Until January, Tim is working remotely on Mondays and on Thursday afternoons. He is in the Gladwin Heights office from 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesdays, and the Saint Andrew's office from 10 to 4 on Wednesdays. Some flexibility is possible; please call if you would like to schedule an appointment.

To contact Tim, call 778-791-3545 or email [bowmantimothy@gmail.com](mailto:bowmantimothy@gmail.com)

## Lectionary for November 2023

### Remembrance Sunday November 5

Joshua 3:7–17  
Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37  
Micah 3:5–12  
Psalm 43  
1 Thessalonians 2:9–13 Matthew 23:1–12

### Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost November 12

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25  
Psalm 78:1–7  
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16 or Amos 5:18–24  
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20 or Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18  
Matthew 25:1–13

### Twenty-Fifth after Pentecost November 19

Judges 4:1–7  
Psalm 123  
Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18  
Psalm 90:1–8, (9–11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30

### Reign of Christ November 26

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24  
Psalm 100  
Psalm 95:1–7a  
Ephesians 1:15–23  
Matthew 25:31–46



**gifts with vision:** looking for a gift idea? Gifts with Vision are an additional way to support the work of The United Church of Canada's Mission and Service partners. Catalogs are in the Narthex or contact the office.

## St Andrew's United Church

### BOARD MEMBERS

Chair – Judith Ray  
Vice-Chairperson – Beate Pothmann  
Secretary – Cherie Dobson  
Treasurer – Dennis Larson

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Trustees - Myrna McGregor  
M & P – Cherie Dobson  
Pastoral Care – Beate Pothmann  
Cluster Rep – Judith Ray  
Property – Lyle Treleaven  
Worship – Cathy Waller

### AFFIRMING MINISTRY

Darian and Tyler Komaszczuk  
Deborah Handley  
Cathy Waller  
Candace White

### MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES WITH GLADWIN HEIGHTS

#### **Joint Board:**

Judith Ray  
Beate Pothmann  
Myrna McGregor

#### **Joint M & P:**

Cherie Dobson  
Lyle Treleaven

#### **Joint Worship:**

Beate Pothmann  
Deborah Handley