

# *St. Andrew Anglican Church*

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*In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree,  
Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation.  
As we come from many places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship  
of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live,  
work and serve God the Creator here.*

# *Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 14, 2025*

*10:00 a.m. Service*

*Welcome to St. Andrew Anglican Church, Woodhaven.*

*All are welcome to participate fully and to receive Communion or a blessing.*

## **Prelude**

*Improvisation Hymn Tune*

*Please stand, as you are able*

## **Processional Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

BCP 377

## **Candle Lighting and Prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for the joy  
you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for this  
gift. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and to do  
your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in  
Bethlehem. Amen.

## **Advent Hymn**

Light one candle in the night.  
Light one candle of joy;  
Joy for the song the angels sing,  
Joy for the special news they bring,  
Joy in the child who is born a king.  
Light one candle of joy.

Advent candles warm and bright,  
Fill the world with radiant light. Help us find the  
Promised One; guide us to the child who will come.

## **The Greeting**

**Priest:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

## **The Collect for Purity** *Please remain standing*

**Priest:** Let us pray. Almighty God,

**People:** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Audrey

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

Mervin

The reading is written in the 35th chapter of the book of Isaiah  
beginning at the 1st verse.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 146:5-10 said together**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty \*  
and all your marvellous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

**People:** Almighty God, give us grace to know you more and more, that knowing we may love and loving we may praise, that the whole world may hear your name and worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Reading

*James 5:7-10*

George

The reading is written in the 5th chapter of the book of James beginning at the 7th verse.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People:** Thanks be to God

*Please stand, as you are able*

**Gradual Hymn**

Sing of Mary

BCP 807

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

*Matthew 11:2-11*

The Rev. Liz Richens

The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the 2nd verse.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**Priest:** The Gospel of Christ

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Priest: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People** *Please assume a posture of prayer*

Audrey

*(The names on the parish prayer list will be prayed for individually by our Intercessors)*

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

Audrey

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

### **Confession and Absolution**

The Rev. Liz Richens

Priest: All who strive to repent of their sins and be good relationship with their neighbours and intend to follow the commandments of God and walk in his ways, come forward and receive the Holy Eucharist to your comfort, and make your honest confession to God Almighty.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator and mediator, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against God and neighbour, by thought, word and deed.

We whole heartedly repent and are sorry for our sins. Have mercy upon us, loving Father; forgive us all that is past and help us going forward to live life anew to the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who wholeheartedly repent and turn their lives to him. Have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins. Comfort and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Please stand, as you are able*

### **The Peace**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you

**People:** And also with you

### **Offering Hymn**

Take My Life and Let It Be

CP 435

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **The Comfortable Words**

Audrey

*Hear the comforting words our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him.*

Come to me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. St Matthew 11. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. St John 3. 16.

*Hear also what Saint Paul said.* This is a true saying, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1. 15.

*Hear also what Saint John said.* If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 St John 2. 1, 2

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

The Rev. Liz Richens

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thanksgiving and Consecration**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you;

**People:** And also with you

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts;

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Priest:** *Preface*

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Priest:** *Prayer of Consecration Continues*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Priest:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

**People:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Breaking of Bread

**Priest:** God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**People:** Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the people of God

**People** Thanks be to God

## *Agnus Dei sung by all*

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

*Please be seated*

## Communion Hymns

Jesus the Joy of Loving Hearts

CP 70

We Who Live by Sound & Symbol

CP 69

## Prayer after Communion

The Rev. Liz Richens

**Priest:** Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

**All:** Today we offer to you, O Lord our whole selves, soul and body to be a living sacrifice to you. We pray that you accept our imperfect service, not because of what we offer, but because of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom; with you and the Holy Spirit, we praise and glorify, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## Doxology

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul

CP 362

**Lay Reader:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Audrey

**All:** Thanks be to God

## Postlude

*Improvisation Hymn Tune*

Heavenly Creator, we give you thanks for blessing us with these your servants  
and celebrates Kelly M, and Peter W.

**Participants in today's service are:**

Lay Reader: Audrey  
Lectern Reader: Mervin, George  
Greeters: Lynne, George  
Altar Guild: Shirley, Norma, Susan

**Participants next week are:**

Lay Reader: Roselyn  
Lectern Readers: Doreen, Tucker  
Greeters: Noreen, David  
Altar Guild: Pam G, Margaret, Pam B, Lynda

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

**In the Anglican Communion worldwide:** We pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**In the Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada:** We pray for Dr. Andrea Mann, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office , Peace Anthony-Idoko, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration, and Mr. David Jones, District President, and the members of Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

**In the Diocese of Rupert's Land:** We pray for Our Congregations and Communities.

**In our Parish of St. Andrew:** we pray for Rev. Liz, Andy and Sydney and for all the families of St. Andrew.

**Notices –December 14, 2025**

**Connecting with Rev. Liz Richens:** The Rev. Richens can be reached by phone at 204-897-8455 or through email at [revliz.standrews@outlook.com](mailto:revliz.standrews@outlook.com). Rev. Liz is also available on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all are welcome to drop by for a visit.

**Agape Table December volunteer date:** Our last volunteer date at Agape Table for 2025 will be Wednesday, December 17th from 7 AM to 11 AM. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Laura Ryback at [lryback@mymts.net](mailto:lryback@mymts.net)

**Christmas Hampers:** Wow! The sign up list for Christmas Hamper gifts is almost full! Do not worry if you didn't get a chance to sign up to purchase a gift. We are also looking for family games such as Sorry, Scrabble and the like. Food is also needed. Please bring your unwrapped gifts and food on White Gift Sunday, which is December 14th. Plan to stay after coffee hour and help us sort the food, or join us on Monday morning to sort some more and wrap! We are also looking for volunteers to deliver. If you have any questions please see Susan, Sue or Lynne.

**Care Home Caroling:** The choir will be visiting care homes to sing Christmas carols. Any parishioners who are interested in joining for this occasion are welcome. Sign up sheet are at the back of the church.

Sturgeon 2	- 707 Setter Street	December 17 at 2:00-3:00
Kiwanis Metro	- 2300 Ness Avenue	December 18 at 2:00-3:00
Sturgeon 1	- 10 Hallonqist Drive	December 19 at 2:30-3:30



**Upcoming Events at St. Andrew Anglican Church**

*Christmas Eve Family Service December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Eve Traditional Service 7:00 p.m.*

*Christmas Day Eucharist December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.*

**2026 Offering and PAR PWRDF Envelopes:** are available to be picked up this morning at the back of the Church. Please note that these envelopes are ***not to be used until January 4, 2026.*** If you don't see envelopes with your name on them and would like some, please send Esther an email or give her a call in the office. Thank You.

**Prayer List:** A reminder that everyone is welcome to use the prayer box at the back of the aisle. There are papers and pens available. Anyone who wishes prayers for themselves or others, please include your contact information so we can check in with you before the list is updated. The prayer list will be updated at the start of each month. Please feel free to submit prayers for as many people each month as you feel called for. For more information, contact Rev. Liz

**Over 60 Card Club:** This card club plays every Wednesday afternoon 1:00 to 3:30 at St. Andrew Anglican Church Hall at 2700 Portage Ave. We are currently playing whist, euchre and crib. All games are welcome. For more information, you can call Carla at 204-297-0811. Come and join us for a fun time.

**Bible Study:** Bible Study will meet until Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and then resume on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to donate Altar flowers to honour/remember a loved one, please put your name and telephone number in the Flower Calendar at the back of the Church. You can also contact Margaret Childs at 204 889-4676 or e-mail Margaret at [childsjm@mymts.net](mailto:childsjm@mymts.net).

**Weekly Sermons:** If you would like to download a copy of the weekly sermon please visit our website at [www.standrewswoodhaven.ca](http://www.standrewswoodhaven.ca). Stay connected by checking out our Website, like our Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel (Instructions attached to this week's email) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyD1RtRoVsH4yocieU3LnQg> for notification and new information.

## Parish Prayers

We commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed

Bailey	Will	Maria	Debbie	Cody
Barrie	Lainey	Cheryle	Al	Jamie
Dorian	Melanie	Patricia	Pat	Marvin
Auntie Myrna	Bill	Bonnie	Susan	Elaine
June	Doug	Jenny	Bob	Dave
Allan	Irene	Kaden	George	Don
Tom	Larry	Irene	Ron	Pat Z
Gil	Mike	Lucas	Linda	M
Matthew	Eileen	Gloria	Carrie	Mandie
Stewart	Winnie	Erin	Gloria	Bob & Jo
Skyler	John	Ann	Chase	Marie
Gail	Dawson	Linda	Reza	Margaret
Nicole	Jennifer	Amari	Gary	Darrell
Aaron	Randy	Kay	Bill	Don
Neil	Mary	Yvonne	Yvette	Susan
Mervin	Tyler	David	Brian	Joan
Henry	John	Lorie	Debbie	Murry
Jess	John	Corey	Marlene	Al
Allan	Ruth	Lindsey	Sara	Ethel
Lin	Mary Louise	Jennifer	Ann K	Maureen
Chetna J	Julio	Bruce	Jennifer	Angelica
Lynne	Jim	Lis	Alice	Jane
Bob	Val	Tanis	Sadie	Tyler
Sam & Liam	Cheryl	Jack	Cassie	Marilyn
Ashley	Eleanor	Pam		

Hollow Water First Nations & Manigotagan

Remu Parish

The Terry, Jeremy, Chrystal family

the Read family Willow & family

Oliver family

Wallace & family

the Shelley, Meaghan, Sage Family

The Meagan, Oz, Mael Family

and all those at home, in care facilities and those joining us online.