

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.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2024

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 Come, O Come, Emmanuel

BCP 62

Candle Lighting and Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and 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 love;
Love that will teach the world to care,
Love that surrounds us ev'ry where,
Love in a child who will help us share.
Light one candle of love.

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.
Promised one; now the Son of God has come. FORMATTING

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

Roselyn

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Doreen

The reading is written in the 7th chapter of the book of Isaiah
beginning at the 10th verse.

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-18 Said together

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name.

ADD SPACE

The reading is written in the 1st chapter of the book of Romans
beginning at the 1st verse.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able

Gradual Hymn

Heavenly Message

CP 269

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 1:18-25

The Rev. Liz Richens

The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of the Gospel according to
St. Matthew beginning at the 18th verse.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Liz Richens

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

Prayer of Humble Access Roselyn
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

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

CP 85

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

Roselyn

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

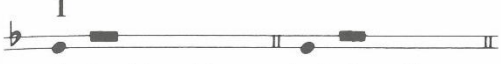
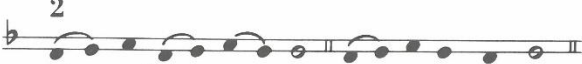
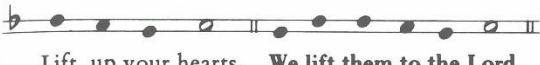
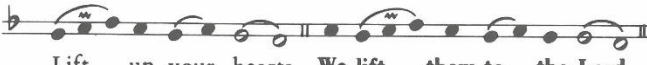
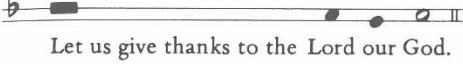
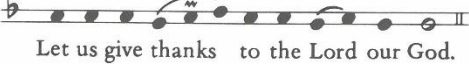
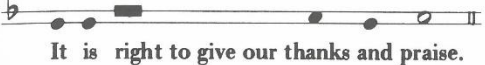

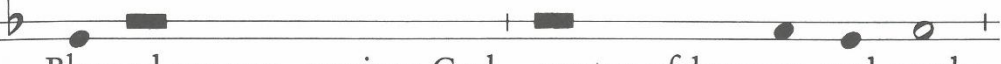

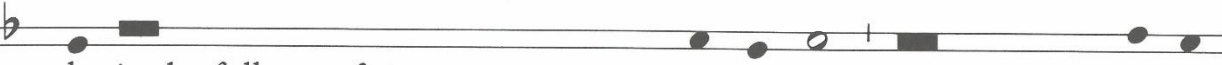
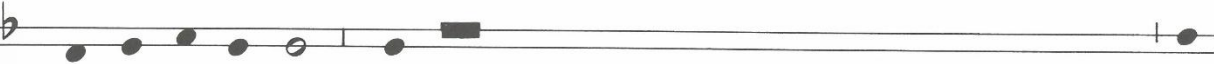

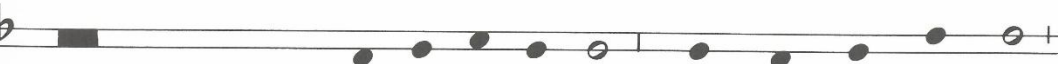
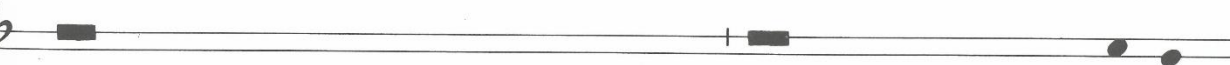

The Prayer over the Gifts

The Rev. Liz Richens

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Consecration

Advent

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 The Lord be with you. And also with you.	 The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.	 It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 Bless-ed are you, gracious God, creator of heav-en and earth;	
 We give you thanks and praise through Je - sus Christ our Lord,	
 who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the	
 way of sal - va - tion. Now we watch for the day when he will come a - gain in	
 power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear,	
 may rejoice to be-hold his ap-pear-ing. There-fore we praise you,	
 joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the compa-ny of	
 heav-en, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glo - ry of your name.	

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: All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who,
in your tender mercy, gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption
who made there by his presentation of himself, once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrificial offering for the sins
of the whole world.

Christ instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful father, we humbly pray
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine
according to your son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood,
who in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread;
gave you thanks, brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying,
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
gave you thanks then, he gave it to them, saying,
take, drink, this is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death, the
mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and looking
forward to his return; we offer to you this bread and this wine as Christ has
commanded.

Grant that by his life and death, and through faith in Christ
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits that Christ offers.

We pray, by the Holy Spirit
you may fill all of us who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom and with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory be your almighty father forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Restore in Us, O God

CP 178

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

CP 73

Prayer after Communion

The Rev. Liz Richens

Priest: Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 the church and** 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

O Come, Divine Messiah

CP 95

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Roselyn

Postlude

Improvisation Hymn Tune

Heavenly Creator, we give you thanks for blessing us with these your servants and celebrates Bruce B, Denise F, Aidan G, Ray P, Tiffany G, Donna C, Brian K, and Kelly M.

Participants in today's service are:

Lay Reader: Roselyn

Lectern Reader: Doreen, Tucker

Greeters: Noreen, David

Altar Guild: Pam G, Margaret, Pam B, Lynda

Participants next week are:

Lay Reader: Doreen

Lectern Readers: Delores, Susan

Greeters: Zorina, Anita, Terry

Altar Guild: Fern, Audrey, Isla

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

In the Anglican Communion worldwide: We pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada: We pray for The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator, and Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship. We pray for The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing.

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 21, 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. Rev. Liz is also available on

Upcoming Events at St. Andrew Anglican Church

Christmas Eve Family Service December 24th, 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Traditional Service 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Eucharist December 25th, 10:00 a.m.

Mondays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all are welcome to drop by for a visit.

Bible Study: Bible Study will meet until Wednesday, December 17th and then resume on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026.

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 beginning in November. 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.

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.

Weekly Sermons: If you would like to download a copy of the weekly sermon please visit our website at 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 in any ways afflicted or distressed

Linda & Lila	Sylvie	Bailey	Will	Dennis
Debbie	Cody	Barrie	Lainey	Cheryle
Al	Jamie	Dorian	Melanie	Patricia
Annabele	Marvin	Lora Lynne	Bill	Bonnie
Susan	Elaine	June	Ian	Jenny
Bob	Dave	Gordon	Irene	KadenTom
Larry	Liz	Val	Jim	Allan
Mike	Lucas	Linda	M	Matthew
Eileen	Gloria	Carrie	Mandie	Peter
Winnie	Sylvia	Gloria	George	Skyler

Heather	Byron	Ann	Chase	Marie
Gail	Dawson	Jodie	Reza	Nicole
Jennifer	Teresa	Gary	Darrell	Maureen
Randy	Kay	Bill	Don	Neil
Mary	Kristen	Yvette	Susan	Mervin
Tyler	David	Brain	Joan	Fran
John	Lorie	Leonard	Murry	Jess
Wallace & family		the Read family	Willow & family	Oliver family
The Meagan &Mael Family			the Shelley, Meaghan, Sage Family	
the Kyle, Shelly, Krispin Family		the Cristal, Brad & Family		
and all those at home, in care facilities and those joining us online.				