

# Saint Andrew's United Church

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*We are called to be the united church. Mission is our home. We foster belonging; provide spiritual accompaniment; and ask the deep questions.*

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**Epiphany Sunday**

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**++ Please rise in body or spirit**

**MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United;**

**TLUS = Then Let Us Sing**

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GREETING:**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

*We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.*

## **CANDLE LIGHTING:**

## **WE WELCOME EACH OTHER AND WE CENTRE IN GOD:**

Jesus, teacher, friend, and guide,

**be with us this morning as we gather.**

We are a community of faith and of faithfulness.

**We are led by your star into new adventures**

**as we live and spread your Good News.**

Today, as we sing, praise, and pray, open our ears to listen  
as you give us our instructions for the days ahead.

**Amen.**

Written by Kate Gregory, [gatheringworship.ca](http://gatheringworship.ca).

**++HYMN:** VU 92 – “In the Darkness Shines the Splendour”

## **WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:**

Calling and Sending One,

you have called us to be prophets; apostles; heralds of the dawn of light and love.

**But too often your prophets  
are treated with disdain or hostility,  
and we fear to join them.**

you have called us to be seekers of wisdom and bearers of good news, like the magi;

**But too often we are too proud to stop  
and ask for directions on this journey.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

## **AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:**

Siblings in Christ, hear the amazing news:

that we who have received the Gospel

from stars and from angels and saints of old

are now called to repeat it in the highest and farthest places.

We are called to proclaim anew the beauty of God's creation to a creation which has forgotten its beauty.

**We are equal to this task;  
we accept this task;  
through the Spirit given in Jesus Christ.**

**WE RESPOND:** VU 79 – “Arise, Your Light is Come” v 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.**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE:        Reader: Judith**

VU 330 – “Jesus Shall Reign” v1

Isaiah 60:1-6

VU 330 – “Jesus Shall Reign” v2

Ephesians 3:1-12

VU 330 – “Jesus Shall Reign” v3

Matthew 2:1-15

VU 330 – “Jesus Shall Reign” v4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**++HYMN:**    “Who Are These”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE**

**AFFIRMING OUR FAITH:**    A New Creed

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** VU 960 [Ecumenical Version]

**MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES:**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

**++OFFERTORY:**    “These Gifts We Bring”

These gifts we bring with grateful hearts,  
to reconcile, make new.

Gather us in, show us the way,  
to live our lives in Truth;  
to share Your love in all we do.

*The offering is brought forward.*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

The magi perceived your star;  
the disciples followed your Son;  
the early Church received your revelation.

**Like those before us,  
we receive your gifts  
and offer them to your world.**

**++HYMN:** VU 87 – “I am the Light of the World”

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD**

**++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**EXTROIT:** VU 679 – “Let There be Light” v 1,5,6

**END OF WORSHIP**

**BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY**



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