

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 Red River 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.*

Epiphany

January 4, 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.

Gluten Free wafers available

Prelude

Improvisation Hymn Tune

Please stand, as you are able

Processional Hymn

We Three Kings

BCP 748

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.

Glory to God *Sung*

CP 702

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth

The Collect of the Day

Noreen

Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the
nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; 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 60:1-6

Marguerite

The reading is written in the 60th chapter of the Book of Isaiah
beginning at the 1st verse.

Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness
shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his
glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your
dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons
shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you
shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea
shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall
cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall
bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 *said together*

Give the king your justice, O God, *

and your righteousness to the king's son;

That he may rule your people righteously *

and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *

and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, *

and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *

and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

People: O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Lisa

The reading is written in the 3rd chapter of the letter to the Ephesians
beginning at the 1st verse.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was

given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able

Gradual Hymn

Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom

CP 161

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 2:1-12

The Rev. Rick Condo

The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of the Gospel according to
St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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*

Noreen

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

Prayer of Humble Access

Noreen

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. Rick Condo

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

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

CP 50

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

Noreen

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. Rick Condo

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Thanksgiving and Consecration

Epiphany *Simple Tone*

<p>1</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
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Bless-ed are you, gra-cious God, cre-ator of heav-en and earth; you have re-
 vealed your eternal plan of sal-va-tion, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
 to be the light of all peo-ples. There-fore with an-gels and archangels
 we raise our voices in joy-ful praise to pro-claim 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. 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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

Sleep, Sweet Child, Thy Mother Watches
Awake, Arise: O Sing a New Song

CP 142

CP 311

Prayer after Communion

The Rev. Rick Condo

Priest: God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he 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.**

Please stand, as you are able

Doxology

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, that passes all understanding; keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

O Happy Band of Pilgrims

BCP 424

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

Noreen

All: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Improvisation Hymn Tune

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Heavenly Creator, we give you thanks for blessing us with these your servants
and celebrate Tim N, Christopher B, Lynda T, John C, and Kerry B.

Participants in today's service are:

Lay Reader: Noreen

Lectern Reader: Marguerite, Lisa

Greeters: Grace, Bob

Altar Guild: Angeline, Nina, Laura, Sue

Participants next week are:

Lay Reader: Lora Lynne

Lectern Readers: Elsie, George

Greeters: Margaret, John

Altar Guild: Shirley, Norma, Susan

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

In the Anglican Communion worldwide: We pray for *The Church of the Province of Central Africa*.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada: *We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, and Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. We pray for The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Theology at Moravian University.*

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 – January 4, 2026

Connecting with Rev. Liz Richens: The Rev. Liz will be away from January 2-11 for pastoral emergencies please contact the office or the pastoral care line at 204-897-8455.

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026.

Over 60 Card Club: The card club will resume Wednesday, January 7th, 2026.

Agape Table: Our January Volunteer date for Agape Table is Thursday, January 29th from 7:30 am until approximately 11:00 am. Interested in joining us for a morning of service while having fun with the amazing Agape Table volunteer community? Contact Laura Ryback at 204-832-1101 or lryback@mymts.net for details.

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](tel:2048894676) or e-mail Margaret at childsjm@mymts.net.

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

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 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	Paul	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
Sam	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
Cheryl	Jack	Marilyn	Ashley	Eleanor

Bob & Janet

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.