

Sunday Feb 2, 2025,

10:30am

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

**Prelude/Announcement Video**

**Greetings**

May the light of Christ surround you.

**May God bless us all.**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Community Update**

**Moment to Gather Ourselves In Silence**

**Lighting the Christ Candle** (based on Psalm 36)

We strike a match, hold it over a wick, and the thread catches fire.

**We know how to light a candle, and are grateful for the glow.**

Even lighting this flame is an act of love, as we recognize God's work among us.

**The soft glow lights our way, helping us to remember why we are here:**

**We gather for love, knowing it takes work, openness and trust.**

**But this light reminds us of Christ's way: love.**

**Song In Response:** VU 82, A Light Is Gleaming (chorus)

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.

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**Opening Prayer**

**Loving Creator God, sometimes love is hard. We have gathered here this morning for so many reasons, but each one can be reduced to your love: you care for us, you guide us, you strengthen us, you equip us for all of life's challenges. You love us.**

**Help us to feel that in a new way today, so we can be so empowered by our sense of belovedness, that can be worthy partners in your ministry. Amen.**

**Opening Song:** VU 603, In Loving Partnership We Come

1 In loving partnership we come, seeking, O God, your will to do.

Our prayers and actions now receive; we freely offer them to you.

2 We are the hands and feet of Christ, serving by grace each other's need.

We dare to risk and sacrifice with truthful word and faithful deed.

3 Loving community we seek; your hope and strength within us move.

The poor and rich, the strong and weak are brought together in your love.

4 In loving partnership, O God, help us your future to proclaim.  
Justice and peace be our desire, we humbly pray in Jesus' name.

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**Holy Wandering:** Who gets the light?

**Ukulele Song:** VU 577, I've Got Peace Like A River

1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

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**Scripture Readings:** Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8; Luke 4: 21-30

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands *Words by Frank Kaan, Arranged by Jane Holstein*

**Sermon:** What are you called to say?

**Offering Our Gifts**

*We recognize all the gifts donated to help Christ's ministry here in Brighton, and this offering is one way we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet here in Brighton. There are plates by the doors at the back of the church and the hall entrance. We are grateful if you feel moved to donate. As we bless the offering, we are also honouring gifts of ministry and love for Christ's work expressed in other ways.*

**Offering Hymn:** VU 589, Lord Speak To Me

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.

2 O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, so that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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### **Blessing The Gifts**

**We need to be filled before we can share with the world: today, loving God, our cup overflows with love. Bless all our gifts today and this week, so they may speak, lead, feed and teach us all about your love. Amen**

### **Prayers Of the People**

*Prayers are lifted for others today as we remember especially:  
The family of Keith Stainton; Henry; Harvey*

*Please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:*

*Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Richard; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron;  
Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti.*

### **The Lords Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: MV 169, When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides**

1. When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,  
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,  
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,  
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.
2. When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done,  
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one,  
our hearts will heal, will heal as one, our hearts will heal as one,  
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.
3. When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,  
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,  
for love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,  
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

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## **Sending Forth**

Let's leave here today trusting that God loves us!

**With God's love behind us, anything is possible.**

Let's go and speak with courage, naming truth, giving voice to God's dream.

**Love sets us free. We leave here now free, strong and hopeful. Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Amen:** Amen Amen Amen.

## **Postlude**

### **Announcements**

**Please join us** in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Feb 2, 2025 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don't have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$9 per nametag.

**Scent Free Environment** –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

**Gala Celebration, Saturday, Feb 8!** To commemorate the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary, TSA is hosting a Midwinter Gala on February 8, 2025 in The Dove. Join us for a night of festive elegance featuring a catered meal of ham and turkey with all the fixings and special musical guests Ian Simpson and Stephanie Bird. Tickets are \$50 and are selling fast! For more information or to purchase tickets, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or Pamela Maloney in the Office. [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca), 613-475-1311

### **Visioning dates now February 2 and 9.**

Please note that the visioning exercise planned for this Sunday January 19 has been postponed until February 2. It has been several years since we as a congregation developed our current Vision and Mission Statement. Taking the time to refresh our statements for Trinity-St. Andrews will guide us to collectively understand how God is calling us to grow in faith and to minister in our community. Both sessions will be held at 12 noon, and there will be a light lunch available. You are welcome to either session as your schedule allows, but we have proposed the following to divide us into two smaller groups:

**Feb 2** – Worship, Stewardship, Outreach, Hospitality, Clothing Depot

**Feb 9** – Affirm and Equity, Youth and young families, MP, Trustees, Hilton Cemetery and Property

**AGM for reporting year 2024**.....is April 6<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

Committee chairs, please have your year end report, including volunteer hours, to the office by Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca)

### ***From The Worship Committee***

**Bible Study** meets every Wednesday morning at 10am, in the Quiet Room, a group of us meet to discuss the upcoming scripture readings or sometimes a book. You are invited to join us.

Reach out to Rev. Wanda at [minister@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:minister@trinitystandrews.ca) if you need more information

**Quinte Transit** is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

***From the Fundraising Committee***

**175th Anniversary Shirts for Sale.** If you haven't already ordered a long-sleeve Trinity-St. Andrew's anniversary shirt, what are you waiting for? The long-sleeve shirts are perfect for this time of year! Featuring eye-catching artwork by our very own Sandra Candeloro, the shirts are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of \$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts. To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email [jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com) or call 647-341-6095.

**Community Breakfast**, Feb 2, 9am, \$15 pay at the door

**James Keelaghan in Concert**, Feb 1, 2pm, \$30

**Roast Beef Dinner**, Feb 28, 5pm. \$25. Tickets available after church, or the church office during office hours.

**Steve Bell**, March 22, 7pm, \$25. Tickets available after church, or the church office during office hours, Lighthouse Books.

***From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee***

**Affirming Terminology for February. Be an ally for the rights of LGBTQ+ people!**

On his inauguration day, President Trump rescinded two orders that Biden signed on his first day in office, one advancing racial equity for underserved communities and another combating discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation.

Trump also signed a new executive order requiring the US government to recognize only two sexes, male and female, that are unchangeable. The order requires the government use the term "sex" rather than "gender," while mandating that identification documents issued by the government, including passports and visas, be based on what it described as "an individual's immutable biological classification as either male or female."

Trump also instituted a "one flag" policy that bans the use of LGBTQ+ Pride flags and Black Lives Matter flags on all government buildings in the US and abroad. These targeted and biased actions undo decades of work to establish freedom, rights, support for everyone, wherever they fall on the spectrum of sexuality and gender expression.

More than ever, LGBTQ+ people need the support of allies who aren't afraid to speak out against these injustices. How can you be an ally for trans and queer people?

Speak up! Disagree with untruths! Write to your politicians! Support LGBTQ+ organizations and events by attending and/or donating money! Most importantly, work to dispel the darkness by shining a light of love, tolerance and understanding with everyone you meet!

**LGBTQ+ Family Support Group.** This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones in healthy and meaningful ways. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. Next meetings are Tuesday, February 4 and March 4, 2025. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: [brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com).

**Pink Shirt Day....**February 26 2025 is the annual, anti-bullying day in Canada and New Zealand. As a way of showing our love for every single person, whoever they are, you are encouraged to wear pink to church on Sunday, February 23.

### ***From the Property Committee***

The Property Committee would like to remind all church congregants and organizations that behind the choir in the room to the North-West of the sanctuary, in the electronic storage room - there are maintenance request forms available and an inbox for Property on the wall. If you have a request or notice something that needs repair or tender loving care - please fill out a form and drop it off. The inbox is constantly monitored, and is there for everyone's convenience.

Thank you.

*Trinity St. Andrew's United Property Committee*

### ***Upcoming Classes during Lent***

#### **Christian Education, New Members' Study**

Register by February 28, 2025

Join us as we explore the what it means to be in the United Church of Canada, using the resource "Building God's Beloved Community: Discipleship in the United Church of Canada."

You don't have to be new to our church to benefit from this exploration into the faith, justice, history and future of our church. The study will run Wednesdays after Supper's Ready, 6:00 - 7:30, at the church, starting March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. There is an option to join by Zoom. If there is a high need for Zoom, we will offer a second, online-only class for remote participants.

Participants are encouraged to celebrate their faith with us on Easter Sunday (we can discuss what that means!)

For more information about the book or classes or to sign up, please contact Pamela in the office at 613-475-1311 or [admin@trinitystandrews.ca](mailto:admin@trinitystandrews.ca)

#### **New Members' Study for youth / Confirmation classes**

Do you wonder why we go to church? Do you wonder how to be a Christian in today's world? It can be confusing, when so many people simply don't have a faith practice. Join us Sundays after church in Lent, and we can share lunch, learn about our faith and church together. If you want to mark your time of "wondering" in a special way, we are organizing a baptism/faith affirmation ceremony in the Trent River this spring. Yup, we're serious. Don't miss out!

**The church office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm  
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

# Midwinter Gala

A CELEBRATION OF THE

1925-2025  10<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

FEB | 8TH | 6PM

A NIGHT OF FESTIVE ELEGANCE

CATERED MEAL OF HAM AND TURKEY  
MUSIC BY IAN SIMPSON & STEPHANIE BIRD  
TICKETS \$50. DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

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# Friday Concerts

## Noon-hour Concert Series 11:30-12 noon

Join us at Trinity-St. Andrew's  
United Church every week to  
mark the season of Lent with  
local musicians.

Join us after for coffee and  
desserts (you are welcome to  
bring a bagged lunch)

admission is  
pay-what-you-can  
Trinity St Andrew's  
United Church  
on Prince Edward Street



**March 7**

**Terry Brooks**

Local entertainer, singer, guitar player

**March 14**

**Stave & friends**

(Sandee Candeloro, Pamela Maloney  
and Wanda Stride with special guest,  
guitarist Melanie James)

**March 21**

**Ken Laird**

Accomplished organist

**March 28**

**Rev. Max Woolaver**

Singer-Songwriter who is not afraid to  
go places where passion and deep  
feeling meet great music

**April 4**

**Sharon & Ian Graham**

Beloved local folk duo

**April 11**

**Dan Koets &**

**Marie Lachner**

Guitar, ukulele and stunning vocals

**For more information, call the church office 613-475-1311.**

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