

Sunday Mar 8, 2026

10:30am, Lent 3

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Worship Leaders Rev. Wanda Stride and Helmut Enns

10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

May the spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

Moment to Gather Ourselves

Song To Gather Us Together: MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,) I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,) I make all things new,
my promises true,
for I am Christ the way.

Repeat

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Lighting the Lenten Candles

This morning,

We light four candles, as we make our way to Easter.

Four Sundays to go before Holy Week.

And so we continue to pray, to look deeply into our lives, wondering if we are living as God intends.

We are here with open hearts, longing to feel the presence of Christ.

We are here from all over Creation, some in person, some online, all here to pray and praise.

May the Holy Spirit guide our words and actions today and may all our worship be acceptable to the One who gave us life.

Opening Hymn: VU 626, I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

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Holy Wondering

Repeat After Me Prayer

Ukulele Song: MV 92, Like A Rock

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

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Prayer Of Confession

Sing: TLUS 78, Trust These Words

Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;
Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Live in peace, beloved, know you are adored;
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

Trust these words: we are forgiven.
Through God's mercy broken lives can be restored;
Trust these words: We are forgiven!
Live in grace and peace, oh, love and serve the Lord;
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

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Gospel Lesson: John 4: 5-42

Response: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn Presentation: Sign Me Up (TLUS 105)

There's no need to ask me twice, just sign me up.

As long as it's Jesus Christ, just sign me up now!

1. Peter the fisherman was working by the sea,
Tending to his business of life so diligently.
Then Jesus was passing by on his mission across the land,
He only said "Follow me, and I'll make you fish for people."
And Peter said, "Sign me up!
There's no need to ask twice, just sign me up now!
Sign me up! As long as it's Jesus Christ, just sign me up now!"
2. Jesus healed so many people, opened hearts and minds.
He healed a broken soul, and the crowd looked on in surprise.
They all said, " Sign me up!
There's no need to ask me twice, just sign me up now!
Sign me up! As long as it's Jesus Christ, just sing me up now!"
3. I was just like everyone, running in my own way, (in my own way)
And Jesus came passing by, and he had these words to say:
"I'll make you fish for people, follow me where I go.
I'll give you living water to drink and you will be thirsty no more"
I said, " Sign me up!
There's no need to ask me twice, just sign me up now!
Sign me up! As long as it's Jesus Christ, just sing me up now!
Sign me up!"

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Message: Water of Christ

Minute for Mission

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: VU 635, All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

3 All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages, 'Jesus led me all the way!'

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Blessing

You lead us into life, offer living water, offer an abundance of all we need, and we thank you. In turn, we offer ourselves: our talent, our time and energy, and our financial gifts. Take them all, and bless this world with your love so all have enough to drink, and none has need of anything. We pray in trust. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: **Daniel, Thian, Henry, Ewa (Eva), Mandalyn, Bill Harris, family of Ben Moelker, Donna, Graham, Kevin, Wendy.** *(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers: Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti, Rita McKeown and Michelle Ludlow)*

The Lord's 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: VU 642, Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Thurs. Mar 12 10am, Choir
 7pm, Council
Fri. Mar 13 12:00noon, Lenten Concert Series, Dan Koets & Marie Lachner
Sun. Mar 15 10:30, Worship with Simnel Cake

AGM for reporting year 2025 will be Tuesday April 28th, 7pm. Refreshments and dessert will be offered.

Volunteers needed! **The TSA Clothing Depot** is looking for a volunteer or two, who could provide a couple of hours Monday mornings to move bins from the store to the storage shed which is located behind the building. The regular small group, of mostly women volunteers, would appreciate this as manually transporting these bins is beyond some of their capabilities. If interested, please contact Helen at 613 661 6484 or Sharon at 613 475-2928.

New Photo Directory...We are excited to announce we will be working on a new Photo Directory. There is more information to come, but pictures will be taken May 11-15th by Universal Portrait Studios. Mark your calendars and wait for your call to schedule your appointment!

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Skills and Gift Silent Auction...will run each Sunday after church through the month of April. If you have an items to donate (eg., estate jewellery, boat rides, cottage rental times, gift cards, sport tickets, new items or gifts of time and talent are just few ideas). Please call Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928.

From the Stewardship/Fundraising team

As we continue to walk together in faith, I want to share an important opportunity to support both our vibrant community and our historic home.

Your financial gifts enable us to uphold our mission of being a welcoming, inclusive community rooted in Christ's transformative love. As part of this effort, we invite you to review your PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) contributions or other giving commitments, and consider making any adjustments or joining us in this way for the first time. Your ongoing generosity helps us fund outreach programs, support and uplift lives, and care for our historic building.

Our beloved church building, which has stood for 177 years, is a treasured heritage site that requires ongoing maintenance and care to preserve its beauty and significance. Together, let's continue to fulfill our vision of being a welcoming spiritual centre that embodies inclusivity, justice, and adaptability. Thank you for your faithful generosity and support. PS - You may call the office at (613) 475-1311 or email Pamela admin@trinitystandrews.ca for information on PAR - to join PAR the application form is attached and will need to be returned to the office.

Lynn Miles in Concert, Mar 29, 3:00pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by e-transfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/lynn-miles
Lynn Miles is considered Canadian songwriting royalty. With a JUNO Award in 2003 for Roots Traditional Album of the year, Lynn subsequently scored JUNO nominations in 2006 and 2011. She has taken home six Canadian Folk Music Awards including three for Songwriter of the Year. Lynn was a staff songwriter for LA based publisher Criterion Music, along side Lyle Lovett, Rosanne Cash and Rodney Crowell. Her first record deal was with Rounder Records in the US and Continental Records in The Netherlands. She is currently signed to True North Records in Canada.

Suzie Vinnick in Concert, May 29, 7pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by e-transfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/suzie-vinnick
Three time Juno nominee, 12 Maple Blues award-winner and 2 Canadian Folk Music Award-winning artist. A Saskatoon native transplanted to the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, Suzie Vinnick is the proud owner of a gorgeous voice, impressive guitar and bass chops and an engagingly candid performance style. Suzie is a 3X Juno Nominee and has won 12 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Canadian Folk Music Awards and a 2024 ECMA with her project A'Court, Spiegel and Vinnick. She has also twice won the International Songwriting Competition – Blues Category. Her latest album is entitled “Fall Back Home”.

Help needed sharing posters for TSAUC events.

Do you like wandering around town, visiting stores and chatting? Then please consider distributing posters for us at TSAUC! We have many events that people need to know about... concerts, special events, fund raisers etc. etc. if you can even help out once in a while, we would really appreciate it! Please speak with Rev. Wanda or reply to this email.

From The Worship Committee

Lent Concert Series...Every Friday during Lent 12-12:30 concert. Bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy after the concert. Admission is free with donations gladly accepted for our Benevolent Fund. (See the poster on our board or in the Friday email, for a list of performers.)
March 13: Dan Koets and Marie Lachner

Lenten Book Study ...The United Church of Canada has published a new book called *Bless, Break, Share: recipes for faithful living*.

We plan to engage this food and hospitality inspired resource during Bible Study, Wednesday mornings at 10:00. You are welcome to join us! Books are available in the office for \$15 or you can [order an e-book here](#). The National Church is also holding an online study based on this resource, and if Tuesday afternoons work better for you, [you can sign up here](#).

You can also read the daily devotional on your own if none of these times works for you.

Saturday with the Spirit: Saturday March 7, from 2:00 - 4:00 join us as we explore various spiritual practices that you could take home and incorporate into your life throughout Lent, or maybe even beyond! RSVP to the church office.

Sunday March 15 we will have simnel cake to mark the middle of Lent. In the UK, traditionally, the middle Sunday of Lent gave a respite from the austere Lenten fasting. Working women would return home to their families (hence the name, Mothering Sunday), and bring this delicious fruit cake topped with 11 marzipan balls, representing the 11 faithful disciples.

Sunday March 22 join us for Star Words and Shepherd's Pie. OK those two don't normally go together! But early January you might have picked up a yellow star that had a word on it. There were ten words handed out, so others got the same word as you! Join us on the 22 to hear how your word has been helping, challenging or comforting your fellow members of TSAUC! Share your own experiences. And through our one hour gathering, the youth will have shepherd's pie prepared for a donation. Please RSVP to the office so we know how many to prepare for.

Radical, Flourishing, Radical Joy Women's Retreat...with keynote speaker The Very Rev. Carmen Lansdowne. Oct 27-29, 2026. \$500 per person. \$100 deposit due March 15, 2026. (Rev. Wanda Stride is leading music for this retreat). Elmhirst's Resort, 1045 Settlers Line, Keene ON.

New members classes, or "what exactly is it we believe?"

Every Wednesday after Bible Study, approx.. **11:30am**, few of us are meeting in the Quiet room or minister's office to reflect on what we are reading in "Building God's Beloved Community", a resource of essays and reflections by United Church ministers, moderators and scholars. Why don't you join us? the conversation is lively, respectful and open, and you are welcome here. A few participants plan to join the church on Easter morning, but you can also join us simply for the fun of it.

Please reach out to the office or Rev. Wanda if you are interested. We meet every Wednesday at 11:30pm until March 25 .

Bible study Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about

Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: [https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio Divina.pdf](https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf) . We are gathering **Wed. Mar 11th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

Caregivers Peer Support Group: once monthly at Trinity-St. Andrew's the fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 in the Quiet Room.

Next meeting is **Wednesday Mar 25**, 2026 and is open to anyone caring for a loved one who would benefit from sitting with other caregivers in a supportive, safe, and confidential space. Limited openings now. For more information, please reach out to the office.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

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. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 7th. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

Exciting news! The LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette and she will show you all of the titles available!

From the Hospitality Committee

Coffee Time...After our worship service we are blessed with a small group of volunteers who make sure that coffee and treats are ready for you to enjoy each week. Please consider assisting this group that needs your help. We need more people to be involved. If you can help out, please contact Sharon McMullen at 613-475-2928 or see her after church.

Youth and Christian Education Committee

Regular programs:

Monday 2:30-6:30pm Afterschool Drop-in

Tuesday 1:00-2:30pm Homeschool program

Wednesday 5:30-6:00pm Kid's Craft

2nd and 4th Sunday Youth and Young Adult Discussion Group

For April the **Monday Afterschool Drop-in and Tuesday Homeschool program** will take a break as the church is busy for Easter and the Shrek performance.

Easter Sunrise service

He is risen!



join us to celebrate the risen Son with the rising sun

6:30 am

Sunday April 5

Gosport Dock

(beside Harbourview Restaurant)
all are welcome, including you!

then join us back at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

after 7:15

for coffee and tea,
breakfast and community
&

Easter Communion and
welcoming new members at 10:30am