

Sunday January 18, 2026
10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

May the light of Christ 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

Call To Worship/Lighting the Christ Candle

We are called to be a light to the world.

We know there is only one true light: we worship the Christ today.

We are called to testify and inspire others by our own story.

We know there is only one saviour: we worship the three-in-one now.

We are called to be faithful, to worship, to praise, to testify.

We are grateful that God alone is faithful, gives us strength and leads us to life.

We light a candle now to remember to whom we belong.

We light a candle now to begin our worship.

Response as candle is lit: VU 82, A Light is Gleaming (refrain only)

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.

Opening Hymn: VU 395, Come In, Come In, Come In And Sit Down

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

- 1 You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. R
- 2 God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family. R
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;

we are the branches, Christ is the vine.

This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family. R

- 4 There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.

So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family. R

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Holy Wondering

Ukulele Hymn: VU 585, Jesus Bids Us Shine

- 1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him; well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around; many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

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Repeat After Me Prayer

Prayer Of Confession & Illumination

Loving God, we need to hear your word,
the way a weary traveler needs a lamp to light their way.

Forgive us for the times we thought we knew the way,

And in your mercy, guide us.

Forgive us for the times we chose an easy path instead of following your light,

And in your mercy, draw us into your life.

We long to hear your voice and know your will for us.

For now, loving One, hear our silent confessions as we name the obstacles, omissions and sin that are preventing us from hearing your still, small voice.

Silent confessions.

We trust the words of Jesus that we can come to you when we are weary. We know you welcome us, even when we don't understand why. Thank you for your vast mercy.

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 Lords;

Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

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Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Response: Let us hear what the spirit is saying to the church!

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 1: 29-42

Response: this is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Come and See (go to the ends of the earth)

Minute for Mission

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: VU 79, Arise, Your Light Is Come

- 1 Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
- 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.

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Prayer of Dedication

May these gifts bring joy where there is sorrow.

May they bring hope where there is despair.

May they bring community where there is loneliness.

May they bring your love, however they are used.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Brian Burke, Rick, Denyse, Allen, Henry, Bill Harris, Thian Hall, Brenda....

(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 586, We Shall go Out With Hope Of Resurrection

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.
- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.

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Sending Forth

Sung Blessing: TLUS 51, Anointing, Fall On Me

Anointing, fall on me, anointing, fall on me.

Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me. (repeat)

Let the power of the Holy Ghost, let the power of the Holy Ghost,
let the power of the Holy Ghost, fall on me.

Anointing, fall on me. Anointing, fall on me.

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Postlude

Announcements

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, laundry detergents and fabric softeners, which can linger on clothing) 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.

The church office is open

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.

Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Happening this week and through the holidays:

Sun. Jan 18: 10:30 Worship,
Mon Jan 19 2:30 After School Club
Tues. Jan 20 1pm Coffee and a Book (welcoming homeschooling families)
Wed. Jan 21 : 10am Bible Study
3pm, New Members
5pm Supper's Ready
5:30 Kid's Crafts
Thurs. Jan 22 10am, Choir
4pm, Worship Committee
7pm, Council mtg
Sat. Jan 24 4pm, J.P Cormier Concert
Sun. Jan 25 10:30, Worship
12:30, Why Do I Go To Church

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 613 662-6484 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

From the Stewardship 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.

J.P. Cormier comes to Brighton!

Join us Saturday Jan 24, at 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:30) (rescheduled from Dec 28) for John Paul "J.P." Cormier, a Canadian bluegrass/folk/Celtic singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. To date he has won thirteen East Coast Music Awards and one Canadian Folk Music Award. Cormier was born in London, Ontario and began playing guitar around age five. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books or this link:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/jp-cormier

Steáfán & Saskia live in concert, Sunday Feb 8, 3pm, \$25. An afternoon of Celtic music! Tickets at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by e-transfer or this link:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/saskia-steafan-1

From The Worship Committee

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> . We are gathering **Wed. Feb 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 **Wednesday Jan 28, 2026** 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.

Ordering new hymn books

You may have noticed some unfamiliar hymns and service music in our worship since September. This past summer the United Church of Canada introduced its first new hymn resource since *More Voices* was published in 2009. Our world has changed a lot since then, and the new songs in this resource reflect the theology and diversity of United Church folks. We would like to place a bulk order of hymn books for those who would like to have their own copy. There is a slight discount in price, and we would save on shipping fees. They are currently reprinting books, so we cannot guarantee they would arrive before Christmas. The cost would vary from approximately \$32.00 to \$37.00 each, depending on the number we order. If you are interested, please reach out to Pamela in the office. We do not have plans to order hymn books for the pews at this point.

New Members Classes.....Do you feel God calling you to a deeper faith? Do you have questions about the Bible or the United Church of Canada?

We are holding new members classes (discipleship classes) starting mid January and you are welcome to join us, whether you hope to join the church or are just plain curious. Please reach out to the office or Rev Wanda. Our tentative time is Wednesday afternoons at 3:30, but we could accommodate people's schedule.

“Why I come to church”

Have you ever had a neighbour ask you why you come to church, and didn't know what to say? Join us **Sunday January 25 and Feb 1 at 12:30 pm** in the church hall as we dig deep into our faith, and with a soul-searching process discover why Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church is so important to us. Here's the cool part: we have engaged the services of a video producer who will document our time together, and create short promotional videos for us to use on social media in the months to come. If you are curious, please see Rev. Wanda or Pamela in the office to sign up. Let's perfect our elevator speeches!

From the Youth and Christian Education Committee

Coming Up in January for the YCE Committee

Mondays

2:30pm-6:30pm After School Drop-in Program

Free, drop-in program for ages 10 and up

Snacks, art, games and more

Tuesdays

1:00pm-2:30pm Coffee and a Book

Free, drop-in program for homeschool families

Snacks, crafts, Lego and more

Wednesdays

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

Free, drop-in program for all ages

Sundays

10:45am-11:45am Holy Wonderers

Worship, crafts and fun followed by an intergenerational snack

2nd and 4th Sunday

12:30pm-1:30pm Youth and Young Adult Discussion Group

In addition to our regular programs, we will be highlighting the following days:

- January 12 National Hot Tea Day - we will be providing a variety of teas to sample during Coffee hour after church on January 11th
- January 19 Popcorn Day - we will be providing popcorn on January 18th during coffee hour after church and also on the 19th at the afterschool program
- January 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - we plan to organize the following activities and invite participation from other local churches as well as our own congregation:

January 29 National Puzzle Day - we will be hosting a puzzle race night, \$40 per table, \$10 per person, refreshments will be provided, 6pm

We need your help..... for volunteers to help with our PA Day on Jan 30th. Please contact the office if you can help out.

Also we need 25 or so walking sticks, and 25 boots or shoes that are worn out, small stones and bottle caps

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, Feb 6. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

Exciting news! We now have 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.