

Sunday Mar 1, 2026

10:30am, Lent 2

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Worship Leaders Pastor Ian Robb and Colleen Stickle

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.

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

Moment to Gather Ourselves

Call to Worship

Lent is an opportunity for a Spiritual Spring cleaning ourselves and our beliefs.

A time to reflect on our life experiences and thoughts

A time to consider them, to learn from them, a time to renew

What have we learned? What should we build upon and what should we discard?

As we prepare to move into a time of new joys and yes... uncertainties

What can we use to rest firm in our Faith?

Let us worship together as individuals and as a congregation because it strengthens our Christian beliefs.

Beliefs that ask us to trust in the Creator of all things and live our lives following the one we know as the Christ.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: VU 288, Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

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Holy Wondering

Repeat After Me Prayer

“Loving God,” we see your presence, all around us..... in our parents,in our friends. Help us... to be a good and faithful friend... to others whom we meet... like Jesus was to Nicodemus.....and remember us..... as we remember you.... In our prayers. Amen.

Ukulele Song: VU 356, Seek Ye First

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

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Prayer Of Confession

Response: (All say) Loving God, thank you for always being there, reminding us to always keep our Lenten promises to stay on the right path that leads us to you in deed and in prayer. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 121

Refrain

Michel Guimont 1990

Unison Eb Db Ab Fm7 Ab/Bb Eb

Our help is in the name of our God who made heav - en and earth.

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I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will I look for help?

**My help comes from God,
who has made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot stumble;
the One who protects Israel will not slumber.

**The One who protects you
will neither slumber nor sleep. R**

It is God who protects you,
your defence at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

God will protect you from all evil,
God will protect your life.

**God will protect your going and coming,
now and forever. R**

Gospel Lesson: John 3: various verses

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Presentation: May You Be Held (TLUS 105)

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Reflection: The Promises We Seek To Make

Minute for Mission

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: VU 116, Giver Of The Perfect Gift, Vs. 1,2,4,5

- 1 Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift, gathered at thy throne of grace.
- 2 Though the accusing voice within speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin, thou canst set the conscience free.
- 4 Oh, may these our Lenten days, blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise we may keep thy feast at last.
- 5 God the holy trinity, grant the mercy we implore;
God the one, all praise to thee through the ages evermore.

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Blessing

Loving God, we come before you today, conscious of the gifts you have given to us. We ask that You now receive our gifts, the fruits of our labours, our hands and our hearts, that through them we may continue to help your Church, and through our offering help others less fortunate in Your name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: **Daniel, Thian, Henry, Ewa (Eva), Mandalyn, Randy, Bill Harris.** *(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.

Fri. Mar 6 12:00noon, Lenten Concert Series, Scott Pennington
 7pm, World Day of Prayer
Sat. Mar 7 2pm, Saturday with the Spirit
Sun. Mar 8 10:30, Worship

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.

Our **Purdy's Fundraiser** begins....NOW! Go get your Easter treats:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000022934>

Stock up on beautiful Easter gift boxes, fun chocolate bunnies, Sweet Georgia Browns and more. The deadline to order is March 5

Once orders close, Sandee will bring all the treats to TSA ASAP for pickup! Thank you!

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

World Day Of Prayer...Please join us for World Day of Prayer, (**Friday March 6, 7pm**), a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. Stay tuned for more details.

Lent...On February 18 we will officially begin Lent. Sometimes people give something up as a way of marking Lent. Do you think you can give up chocolate this year? The important thing is to mark this season in a meaningful way. I'm not sure I could give up chocolate, but I know I

can give some time to new activities. Will you join me? Have a look at what's going on, and let us know what is calling you!

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 6: Scott Pennington

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 Divina ...Please 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, March 3. 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.