

Sunday Jan 12, 2025, Baptism of Jesus

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 (Prayer Shawl Blessing)

May this shawl be a sign of God's love, healing presence.

May it warm you when you are weary.

May it encourage you when you are discouraged.

May it assure you of God's care and comfort.

May it remind you that you are surrounded by the prayers of your faith family at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church in Brighton.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The One who created us also calls us by name:

We can pass through the water of life and God is with us

The One who ignited the first flame offers us warmth:

We can walk through fiery trials and not be burned.

The One who redeemed us is with us now.

May the glow of this candle ground us in the birth, baptism and life

Of the One we worship this morning.

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

As children of the light, we gather this morning

At a time the light comes earlier and earlier in the day.

We follow the light, trusting in warmer days ahead:

But we also want to follow the light that you bring us, loving God.

May our worship here so enlighten us that we,

just like the sun returning to our hemisphere,

can be agents of hope in this world. Amen.

Opening Song: MV 135, Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

After last verse, repeat twice more;
called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.
3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.
4. Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

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Holy Wandering: Stars and water!

Ukulele Song: Jesus Loves Me

- 1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R
- 3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. R

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Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: MV 156, Dance With The Spirit

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk* with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

*alternatives: "move" or "sing"

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Sermon

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: MV 161, I Have Called You By Your Name, You Are Mine

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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Offering Blessing

Like the gifts of the magi, we bring what we think is right: we trust you, loving and generous God, to transform all our gifts into blessings that guide and shape this world into your realm of justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers Of the People

Prayers are lifted for others today as we remember especially:

Keith Stainton; Bev McLean; Henry

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: VU100, When Jesus Comes To Be Baptized

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized, he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace, to bear the sins of humankind.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down, anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound, and to the mourner, comfort bring.
- 3 He will not quench the dying flame, and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt, and out of death his triumph make.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ: to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now, and grow in Christian dignity.
- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life, we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift; your triune presence fills our world.

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Sending Forth

Creator God, Christ and Spirit bless us all:

The skies may not open, but the Voice of God echoes in our own baptisms

Let's leave here this morning, rooted in this beautiful world, enlivened by the One who calls us, freed by the Spirit who blesses us.

We leave now, hoping to be like Christ, intending to walk in truth and justice, relying on the God who sends us. May our ministry be a blessing to the world.

Choral Amen: Amen Amen Amen.

Postlude

Announcements

Please join us in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Jan 12, 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.

Food Safety Recertification course - \$30

Thursday, Jan. 30th at the Dove Hall, TSAUC at 1:00pm

A two-hour presentation by the Public Health Officer, followed by a one-hour exam.

Register by email to Doris Smith, Brighton and District Curling Club wdsmith1979@gmail.com or call Doris 613-847-9130

Gala Celebration! 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. For more information or to purchase tickets, please speak with Brian Ostrander or Jeanette Cournoyer.

From The Worship Committee

Calling All Greeter/Ushers

Please consider adding your name to the Greeters/Ushers sign up list on the bulletin board in the back hall. Thank you.

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 if you need more information

Bible study finished on Dec 11 and will resume on January 15, 2025

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 or call 647-341-6095.

Roast Beef Dinner, Jan 24, 5pm. \$25. Tickets available after church, or the church office during office hours.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Affirm Terminology for January... Alberta passes legislation making ALL youth unsafe

On December 5 in **Alberta**, three sweeping bills were passed that will affect the daily lives of all Albertan youth. In particular, the bills will target queer and trans youth, making an already vulnerable group even more at risk.

As an Affirming Congregation, we should be alarmed at the callousness of this legislation, in the face of mountains of research that proves these laws are undeniably dangerous, based on misinformation, and part of a far-right agenda to keep queer and trans youth closeted, alone, and without the healthcare and community they deserve.

These laws will put ALL youth at risk by effectively eradicating sexual health education, and put more youth at higher risk of sexually transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancy and abuse. While Alberta seems far away, the Ontario Government (and far-right advocates) are watching closely to see what steps should be taken next in this province!

Harm Reduction and Naloxone Workshop. The Harm Reduction Worker for Northumberland County will share the history of the ongoing drug epidemic, its origins, impacts on our communities and what we can do to help, including how to use a Naloxone kit in a drug overdose situation. This is a 90 minute session that is open to everyone on **Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 12 to 2:00 p.m.**

Agenda for Sunday, Jan 26, 2025, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm:

- **Pizza lunch** – we will eat during the workshop; please pre-register so we know how much pizza to order (cost \$5 per person)
- **Workshop** (90 mins, including time for Qs&As)

Note: To pre-register for the pizza lunch, please speak with Jeanette

Cournoyer, email: jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

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, January 7 and February 4, 2025. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

From the Property Committee

We are replacing the fridge in the kitchen (wait till you see this).

The old fridge is for sale - fridge & freezer work great.

Great beverage fridge. BEST OFFER. Please see Ellen Goodeve or David Green

Please welcome JOHN McPEAK to the TSAUC staff.

John joined us on January 2nd as our Custodian.

When you see him say "hi".

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



TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
56 PRINCE EDWARD STREET, BRIGHTON

Harm Reduction & Naloxone Workshop

JANUARY 26, 2025, 12:00 PM

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Pizza lunch in The Dove
\$5, please pre-register

Workshop

Drug use, stigma & harm reduction strategies.
Insights from someone who lived with an opiate addiction.



Presented by Nichola Davies,
Harm Reduction Specialist from
the Peterborough AIDS Resource
Network (PARN).

**This is a free presentation, open
to all in an accessible venue.**

For more information contact:
admin@trinitystandrews.ca
or call 613-475-1311

Midwinter Gala

A CELEBRATION OF THE

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1925-2025



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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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