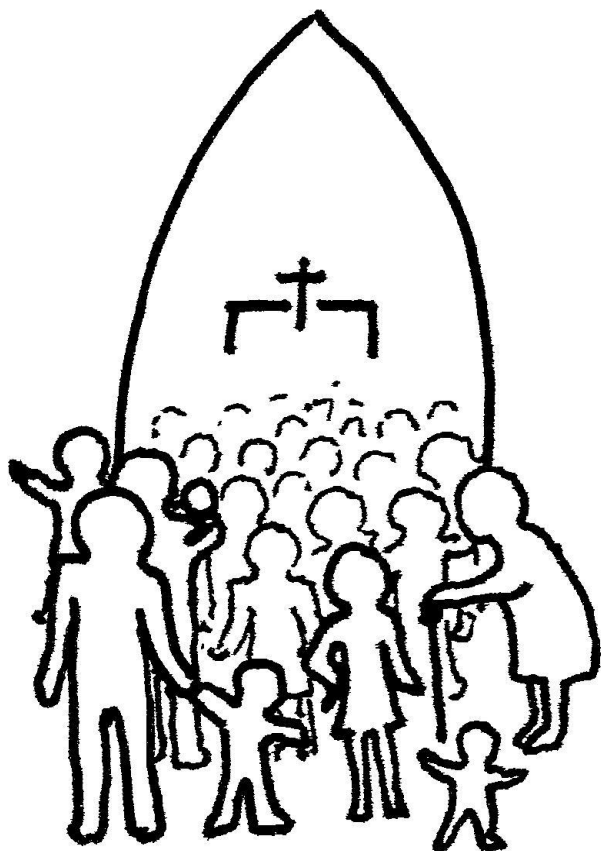


# ***ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH***

Harvey Station, New Brunswick

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If you are curious and have come to explore...

If you are weary and have come to rest...

If you are grateful and have come to give thanks...

If you are hurting and have come for solace...

If you are listening and have come to pray...

If you are seeking and have come to join fellow seekers...

***PJILA'SI ❖ WELCOME ❖ BIENVENUE***

**January 3, 2021**

*Celebrating Epiphany*

## GATHERING

### Music to Welcome Us

*the asterisk \* indicates rising in body or spirit*

### Welcome & 'This Week' at St. Andrew's

*Notices, birthdays and anniversaries, significant events, Candle of Concern*

### Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles

"The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it." *John 1:5*

**Jesus said: "I am the light of the world.**

**Whoever follows me will have the light of life."** *John 8:12*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." *Psalms 119:105*

**Let us worship God.**

### **\*Invitation to Worship**

Shining star, lead us on:

**We seek the way of peace.**

Spirit of hope, lead us on:

**We seek the way of joy.**

Bethlehem's cradle, lead us on:

**That our hearts may hold the way of love.**

### Gathering Prayer

God of grace,  
in this moment and throughout this day  
may we know the warmth of welcome,  
may we feel love surrounding us.  
Amen.

## GROWING WITH GOD

### Learning Together

#### Prayer for the Day

*Thomas Carruth, adapted*

The kingdom of love is coming because:  
**somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,  
somewhere someone shares with another in need,  
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,  
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,  
somewhere someone returns good for evil,  
somewhere someone serves another, in love,  
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,  
somewhere someone is loving everybody.**  
**Help that someone to be me. Amen.**

## CENTERING

### **Centering Silence**

Now let silence gently enfold us.

**In this day made fresh,  
In the chorus of winter birds,  
In the scent of cold, crisp air,  
We embrace this day in hope.**

*Moment for Silent Reflection*

### **Music for Reflection**

## EXPLORING

### **Readings from our Faith Tradition**

### **Reflection**

## AFFIRMING

### **We Dedicate Our Gifts ~ Prayer**

Star-giver, Life-bringer, Love-sharer: bless these gifts we bring—  
**that your Light may shine more brightly,**  
your Life be lived more abundantly,  
**your Love be shared more completely, in Jesus' name. Amen**

### **Litany Prayer for Epiphany ~ The Lord's Prayer**

As the wise ones sought Jesus by following a star,  
let us follow the star-child in the Christ-light of peace.

Holy light of God, shine on us.

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine, through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

As the wise ones dared to trust

in the wonders of the sky,

let us walk in the ways of compassion together

in the wonder of true community on earth.

Holy light of God, shine on us.

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine, through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

As the wise ones returned

to their country by another road,

let us travel a new path to justice and kindness.

Holy light of God, shine on us.

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine, through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

The gifts of the star-child

are healing of heart,

courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

the abiding presence of the Spirit in suffering and joy,

and power to live anew.

Thanks be to God!

**Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine, through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

God of stable birth, gather our prayers as one

as we pray as Jesus taught his disciples:

**Our Father...**

### SCATTERING

**Extinguishing of the Advent Candles**

Now, O God, as we put out this candle,

**may your hope dwell with us always.**

*The Advent candle of HOPE is extinguished*

Now, O God, as we put out this candle

**may the peace of Christ surround us always.**

*The Advent candle of PEACE is extinguished*

Now, O God, as we put out this candle,

**may the joy of this season fill us always.**

*The Advent candle of JOY is extinguished*

Now, O God, as we put out this candle,

**may the love made flesh in Christ,  
be made flesh in us and through us.**

*The Advent candle of LOVE is extinguished*

“The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overcome it.” *John 1:5*

**May the light of Christ**

**surround us,**

**warm us,**

**guide us,**

**this day and through the year to come.**

**Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to express my deep appreciation for the beautiful cards, gifts and best wishes that were extended to me during the Christmas Season. Your care and support are a blessing and a gift. - Rev. Christine

UCW meeting is planned for Wednesday January 6th. The format will be the same as November. Please bring your mask and remember, we will be social distancing.

Foodbank: Locally, our ongoing support of the Foodbank is vital. Offerings of food and financial support enable many people to have access to the food they need. January is a low month for the foodbank, so we will be collecting January 17 and 31. Please be as generous as you can be.

Reminder: It's annual report time! More information around the submission deadline and where to send your report to come!

### **Thank You!**

**Thank you! In this time of transition your generosity helps!**

Your ongoing support of the ministry and mission of St. Andrew's United Church means that we can keep doing what we've always done – care for each other and our neighbours in this time and in this place.

**Together we do important work.**

Here are the best ways to financially support the ministry we share:

**Offering plates are located at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary for your envelope and/or loose offering**

**Through e-transfers:**

The email address to use is: [standrewsharvey@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsharvey@gmail.com)

**Through PAR** (pre-authorized remittance) for your ongoing financial support: <https://www.united-church.ca/.../f.../resources/par-brochure.pdf>

**By cheques:**

Harvey Station Pastoral Charge – St. Andrew's United

137 Arnold Little Road

Harvey, NB E6k 1S7

Attn: Sabina

**Also, donations can be received through Canada Helps:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/.../harvey-station-pastoral-char.../>

## ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

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### *Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory*

*For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.*

*We are gathered on the unceded traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq peoples and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.*

**WELCOME** A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.



St. Andrew's United is equipped with a hearing loop. To enjoy better hearing in the loop, switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to one of the following settings:

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- T-Coil
- Telephone

**FOODBANK SUNDAY** is the last Sunday of the month. Locally, our ongoing support of the Foodbank is vital. Offerings of food and financial support enable many people to have access to the food they need.

**Children are an important part of our church and are always welcome in worship.** For now, regular Sunday school programming is taking a break. Until Sunday school resumes, there are weekly 'children's church' pew packs available for active minds and bodies. You can find them at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you missed them on the way in and want one, please raise your hand and an usher will get one for you. **Please take your pew pack home with you following worship.** While our nursery facilities are closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, both washrooms in the CE Centre are equipped with changing tables. Nice to see you! We are glad you are here!

### **Ways you can support our ministry at St. Andrew's United Church**

Sign up to be a Sunday morning usher or to lend a hand with cleaning. Come to one of our monthly Zoom gatherings like *Theology on Tap* or *Coffee and Conversation*. Play an instrument or sing a solo during worship. Like and share our Facebook posts. Use PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) for sharing financial gifts. There are lots of ways to support our shared ministry. Together we make a difference. For more info contact Rev. Christine at rev.christinejohnson@gmail.com or 366-3220