



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am
December 11, 2022
Advent 3 "Joy"



MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Andrew's United Church is a progressive worshipping community dedicated to spiritual growth, caring, and inclusivity that is providing outreach to the community and the world"

Our worship leader is Fred Mathiesen. Karen Purdy is on the piano/organ with Jenna Nash leading the choir; their music brings life and joy to our Sunday mornings!

Please note: We will not be passing the plate; there is a box for your donations at the Sanctuary entrance.

Celebration Box:

Congratulations to you, May the dear Lord bless you
May God's special blessing, Descend upon you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle



Call to Worship (Adapted from Isaiah 35)

One: When God's Anointed One comes,

All: the desert will rejoice, and flowers will bloom in the wasteland.

One: When God's Anointed One comes,

All: tired hands will receive new strength, and fearful ones will find fresh courage.

One: When God's Anointed One comes,

All: the lame will leap and the blind will see.

One: When God's Anointed One comes,

All: the grieving and sorrowing will be forever free.

Hymn: VU #28 Herald! Sound the note of gladness

Advent Candle Lighting Litany and VU # 6 "A candle is burning" (V. 1,2,3)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 47-55 "Mary's Song of Praise" -
- The Magnificat

Reflection: "Joy"

Hymn: VU p. 899 "Song of Mary"

Minute for Mission

Prayers of the People

All: We join together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: Our Mother and Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: MV 120 "My soul cries out"

Blessing and Commissioning:

One: Our actions will enable the face of Christ to be unmasked.

Commissioning

One: Go faithfully from this fellowship!

All: We go to search and not be defeated by doubt.

We go to serve, and not be discouraged by lack of response.

We go to create community, accepting that not all will feel at home.

We go to give thanks, yet not be overwhelmed at God's generosity.

One: We go to take the gift of Christ to heart and respond with every fibre of our being.

All: We shall go out with joy!

Blessing

May the God who dances at creation, who embraces human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power, to fill the world with justice and joy. Amen.

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship service.

Please remember that St. Andrew's United is "Scent-Free".

Our thanks to Anna Clark for sponsoring this bulletin and Fred Mathiesen for leading us this week!

