



Open Your
Heart Up
To The
Lord



Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am, November 5, 2023



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 Mathieson. Hannah Elich 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.

Opening Words and Prayer

Acknowledgement of the Territory

Acknowledgement of the lit candle:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen



Announcements and Celebration Box:

Congratulations to you. May the dear Lord bless you. May God’s special blessing descend upon you.

Call to Worship:

One: From the first days of all creation, your presence has been in every action.

All: May we be open to all things through you and recognize you in all our achievements.

One: In our steps together as a faith community and in the steps we take when we feel alone,

All: May we be open to all things through you and

remember you in times of need.

One: Throughout life, we are encouraged to look forward and not dwell on past actions, great or small.

All: May we be open to all things through you and reveal you, O God, in all we do. Amen.

Hymn: VU #265 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

One: God, we carry your teaching in our hearts and in our minds.

All: We carry your teaching in our hands and feet in our service everywhere.

One: We carry your teaching on our lips.

All: Carry us now into the joy of new learning.

One: Carry us with your love. Amen.

Hymn: VU # 391 God, *reveal your presence*



Scripture Reading:

Joshua 3: 7-17

Psalms 107 VU p. 831 (with responses)

Matthew 23: 1-12

Response:

These are our words from scripture.

May God bless our understanding.

Hymn: MV # 163 River *running in you and me*

Message: " It is the right thing to do. "

Hymn: VU # 577 I've *got peace like a river*

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn: VU # 958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We pray to you who is our Mother and 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Hymn: MV # 169 *When hands reach out beyond divides*

Blessing

May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness -- guide us and sustain us today in all of our tomorrows. Amen.

Recessional Music

Prayers of the People:

Prayer Cycle 2023

November 5

Spirit of Hope (*Foote-Copeland, Wynyard*)

Speers

Spiritwood Partners in Faith (SM)

Final Hymn: VU # 418 *Go Forth for God*

Blessing and Sending:

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's worship service. Please remember that St. Andrew's United is "Scent-Free".

Latest news from St. Andrews:

Donations:

Attendance October 29 - 50

Local: \$

Other donations:

M & S: \$

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Announcements:

The lunch for John Howard participants has resumed. It is on Thursdays from 11am until 1pm. See Karen Mundt or Sandra Fowler if you want to help. Cookies and goodies are always welcome!

Sponsor a bulletin cover! The dates & suggested covers are in the Narthex. \$7.50 for each week.

Zion is having a violin recital by Jean-Samuel Bez from France! November 2nd at 7pm. Admission is free, donations accepted.

NEW: Please support calls for an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas Urgent action is required to prevent further mass death of civilians in Gaza. The United Church and many other groups are calling for an immediate ceasefire in the battle between Israel and Palestinian paramilitary group Hamas. 2.3 million civilians are trapped in the middle, including over 200 Israelis and international citizens taken captive by Hamas October 7.

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/please-support-calls-for-an-immediate-ceasefire-between-israel-and-hamas/>, and further background to help us hear what global partners living through this terrible violence are saying.

NEW: Remit on autonomous Indigenous organization: Letter to pastoral charge boards coming! If you are involved in the governance of your pastoral charge, look for an important letter over the next week. Currently a Category 3 Remit is before the church, focused on creating space for a National Autonomous Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada. Every Regional Council and every Pastoral Charge governing body has the right and responsibility to vote between now and 31 March 2024. The Regional Council has created a resource page to help your process of learning, listening, and deciding. It will be updated on a continuous basis and it is available [More information, Remit on autonomous Indigenous organization - Living Skies Regional Council \(livingskiesrc.ca\)](#). Between now and February, the Regional Council will also offer open online learning circles, and we hope we will see you there. Please bear in mind that if your governing body does not vote on this Remit, that will be counted as a No vote. We urge you to ensure that your Council or Board votes!

NEW: Refugee sponsorship news The latest national sponsorship newsletter is out; click here to have a look at some important updates. Thank you to all who are sponsoring and supporting; it has been a hard few years in this work, with many continuing complexities, and some understandable fatigue. A number of congregations in the Region are finally seeing some movement and are preparing for or working with long-awaited arrivals. Blessings to you and to those arriving here and taking the hard step of beginning a very different life. [Refugee Sponsorship News: Sponsorship Group Member Interview, Program Updates, Events and more! \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

NEW: Working towards a Just Peace for Palestine - 2023 Advent Worship Resource The United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI) have created worship materials for advent. Resources include songs, stories and prayers with the message of nonviolence, hope, resilience, peace, human rights and a just resolution to the occupation. Advent worship material and more can be found in UNJPPI's October newsletter .

NEW: Planning for Children's Sunday? In October 2022, Eastside United Church in Regina mailed to each Community of Faith in Living Skies Regional Council a copy of Just Max Stories by Max Ediger, for use with your children's ministry or with the whole congregation. Max was drawn to address the consequences of poverty and injustice and has worked with children in highly difficult situations. A companion curriculum of activities for age 8 to adults by Dr. Mavis Olesen, an Eastside member, is available here. While each November for the next 8 years is an ideal time to use these resources, they can be used anytime and in any way that suits your context and planning. We hope you find this a valuable and useful resource as we work together to address poverty and support children around the world. Note: In the children's book, there is mention of a fundraiser (on the inside cover) - please disregard, as it has happened already

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism: going to December 1, 2023 There's brand-new content coming for this year's 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism. In addition to the daily written content that will be posted online, a dynamic set of speakers will be sharing their insights on Tuesdays. The speakers will explore these diverse themes: race shifting; anti-racist and decolonial theologies; raising anti-racist children; environmental racism; countering antisemitism;

intergenerational Asian voices; and copyright justice and musical misappropriation. There's no cost for the online events! You can register for all of the live events on ChurchX. Consider signing up for the 40 Days newsletter to stay up-to-date on all of the developments related to the 40 Days for this year!

[Who Do You Say That I Am? Wednesdays, 2-4:00 pm CST, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 6](https://www.queenshouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Who-Do-You-Say-That-I-Am-November-2023.pdf) A five-part course by Don Schweitzer, offered in person (\$95) or on Zoom (\$75) at Queen's House of Retreats, tracing how Christians and some others have understood who Jesus is and the reasons for this, moving through the New Testament, early church debates and then to the present, looking at gains and losses that have occurred along the way. For more information: <https://www.queenshouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Who-Do-You-Say-That-I-Am-November-2023.pdf>

Please mark your calendars now! All events will happen online Specific information to follow closer to these dates:

- Mon Nov 27 Queer Christology (a public lecture by Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein)
- Thurs Feb 8 Liturgical Resources for LGBTQIA2S Christians (panel discussion)
- Tues Mar 19 Transgender and Non-Binary Realities (panel discussion)

And our "Year of Intention" will culminate in a splendid worship service of recommitment, celebrating 15+ years of Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble Affirming Ministry and 4+ years of Reconciling Works Reconciling in Christ ... the date for this service is still to be decided. For more information on any of these events, please contact shawn.sanfordbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca

[Join a CCS Friday on "Coping with Loneliness and Isolation" Friday, Nov 10/23 at Noon Do you ever feel isolated in your](#)

ministry or leadership? Well, ironically, you are not alone! Join Centre for Christian Studies on Friday, November 10 at Noon Central for an online discussion of coping strategies for feelings of loneliness and isolation. Join Tracy Fairfield (CCS Alumnus 2008) as she shares some learnings and insights, through engaging talks and activities, based on her experience at a clergy wellness retreat put on by BC LeaderShift, at Naramata Centre. Loneliness and isolation are definitely very different things, but regardless which you feel, as a layperson, clergy, theology student, deacon or deaconess, your vocation impacts your mental health and well-being. In this brave and safe space, you can share and be with one another in confidence and trust. If you want to peruse a book in advance that sheds more light on this topic, check out: A Path to Belonging: Overcoming Clergy Loneliness by Mary Kay DuChene and Mark Sundby. CCS Fridays events are free. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpfmurzsuHddaIDRcY3AN9TbKKtxb3VQm#/registration>

Angels from Heaven to Earth: Engaging the Mystery Together A Zoom-Based Retreat Series Mondays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 2023 from 1:30-5:00 CST Stories abound of people from every culture sharing experiences of angels coming as thoughts, visions, dreams, animals, light on the water or in the clouds, and as people too. During this Advent retreat we will take time to share the mysteries, of Heavenly Angels to Earthly Angels, as we explore and respond to the qualities that are believed to be part of the essence of Angles. For full details visit: <https://www.freeflowwellness.ca/retreats>

Rural Church Network (US and Canada) Spring Meeting - June 18-21, 2024 at Cochrane, AB The Rural Church Network of the USA and Canada (RCN) is coming to Mount St. Francis in Cochrane (near Calgary) and CiRCLe M (Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry) out of

Saskatoon Theological Union will host them. Planned events include: meeting time, a field trip to a local farm, a trip to Morley, a Stoney Nakota community to hear about the development of Indigenous Day of Prayer (June 21st) which began in Morley through the initiative of Chief Rev. John Snow; a trip to Banff to enjoy the scenery and hear the story of rural Church life in a tourist region. The conference ends on the 21st and people can return home, or arrange to stay in Calgary for National Indigenous Peoples Day. The cost of accommodation for 3 nights is \$360 Canadian. Watch for more details. Those interested in registering for this event, please contact Catherine Christie, christiecatherine4@gmail.com

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Moose Jaw Scouting	Social Hall	Monday	5:00pm
Yoga in Moose Jaw	Chapel	Monday Thursday	6:30pm
Crazy Happy Zumba	Social Hall	Tuesday Thursday	6:30pm
Line Dancing	Social Hall	Wednesday	10:00am
Bible Study	Ministers' office	Wednesday	10:00am
Easy Does It (Al Anon)	Lounge & Court	Wednesday	7:00pm
Hi-Steppers (A.A.)	Lounge & Court	Friday	7:00pm
Yoga with Sue	Chapel	Wednesday Tues./Thurs.	4:30pm 9:30am
OSI-CAN (Private)	Harmony Room	Tuesday	7:00pm
Choir practice	Harmony Room	Sunday	9:30am
MJ Chinese Christians	Lounge & Court	Sunday	2:00pm

Committee meetings

UCW – 1st Wednesday @ 2 pm

Outreach – 2nd Thursday @ 4pm

Worship – 3rd Friday bi-monthly @ 9:30am