

Hope
Espoir





Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30am, December 3, 2023
Advent 1: HOPE



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. 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.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Acknowledgement of the Territory

Announcements and Celebrations

Celebration Box:

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle: HOPE



Advent Carol: VU # 6 A candle is burning (verse 1 only)

Call to Worship:

One: A child's eyes light up as she imagines a dancing, laughing time, far into the future.

All: An old person dreams of a day when infirmity will cease.

Choir: A wise person reflects on the untapped potential within humanity -- the potential to build a world where sharing and joy prevail.

All: And we, gathered in the name of Christ, catch a glimpse of Advent hope.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

One: Your presence is revealed in the light of hope, O God. The light of hope shines brightly.

All: Joyfully we worship, for your graceful gift of Jesus is at hand.

One: The light of hope overcomes the darkness.

All: Joyfully we know that the powerful ones, and the terror-bringers, will not have their way.

One: The light of hope reveals the needs of home and community.

All: Joyfully we will work to support the downhearted and show friendship to the lonely.

One: Your presence is revealed in the light of hope, O God.

All: The light of hope will go before us on our Advent journey.

Hymn: VU #1 O come, O come, Emmanuel



Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalms 80 VU p. 794 (Part One only)

I Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

Response:

These are our words from scripture.

May God bless our understanding.

Hymn: MV #158 Dream a dream

Reflection on Hope

Hymn: VU #5 All earth is waiting

Prayer of Hopefulness and the Lord's Prayer

One: You come to life in hope, loving God.

All: In those times when we confront the despair that deadens us,

One: You are alive!

All: In those situations where we refuse to give in to the dark and self-serving powers,

One: You are alive!

All: In the ways that cause us pain, but keep our conscience clear,

One: You are alive!

All: In the light at the end of the dark and turbulent tunnel,

One: You are alive!

All: In the will of the faith community to work with zeal,

One: You are indeed alive!

All: Our Mother and 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn: VU #337 Blessed assurance

Commissioning

One: In the darkened sky that hangs over humanity, hope seems a futile dream.

All: But we have hope as we leave this church.

One: Hope stirs in the resolution to celebrate the joys of each day.

All: Hope stirs as we assert our confidence in this Christian community.

One: Hope comes clear when we come through the testing times, battered but unbroken.

All: Our hope finds focus in the journey of a young couple to Bethlehem 2000 years ago -- a journey in which we join.

One: Go now in peace; go now in hope.

Recessional Music

Prayers of the People:

Prayer Cycle 2023

Disabilities Awareness Day (December 3)

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6)

Tisdale: St. Paul's

Moose Jaw: Trinity

Wapella

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 November 26th - 63

Local: \$ 859.90

Other donations:

M & S: \$ 45.70

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Announcements:

LAST CHANCE! Check out the “Purdy’s Christmas Catalogue” in the Narthex. Orders go in on December 8th!

The UCW are having their Christmas luncheon at the Grant Hall on December 6th at 12:00. All are welcome!

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

NEW: Broadview article on Prairie people supporting transgender dignity and rights In September, a number of United Church people involved themselves in opposing the “Million Person” marches that opposed transgender rights in schools, and school curricula that respects diverse sexualities, gender identities, and families. Have a look

<https://broadview.org/united-churches-protect-lgbtq2s-kids-trans-hate/> and look for the article in the February print edition.

Committee meetings

UCW – 1st Wednesday @ 2 pm

Outreach – 2nd Thursday @ 4pm

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

Weekly Schedule

Moose Jaw Scouting	Social Hall	Monday	5:00pm
Yoga in Moose Jaw	Chapel	Mon.	6:00pm
		Thurs.	
Crazy Happy Zumba	Social Hall	Tues.	5:00pm
Away until March		Thur.	
Line Dancing	Social Hall	Tues.	10:00am
CMHA	Harmony Rm	Tuesday	7:00pm
Bible study	Minister's Office	Wednesday	10:00am
Choir practice	Harmony Rm	Wednesday	7:00pm
Easy Does It (Al-Anon)	Lounge	Wednesday	7:00pm
Movement with Sue	Chapel	Wednesday	5:30pm
Journey to Hope	Lounge	3 rd Thursday	5:00pm
Hi-Steppers (A.A.)	Lounge	Fri.	7:00pm
Chinese Christians	Lounge	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Enough is enough (N/A)	Lounge Chapel	Sun., Mon., Tues. Friday	7:00 p.m.