





Welcome to
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m., January 28, 2024



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 Sheila Leahy. Karen Purdy is on the piano/organ with Jenna Nash also 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.

**Please join us for coffee and refreshments
after the service!**

Welcome:

Treaty Acknowledgement:

Announcements and Celebrations:

Celebration Box:

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

Lighting the Christ Candle:



Call to Worship: Acknowledging Our Kinship

One: Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

All: We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have

created and are creating.

One: It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

All: Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.

One: And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

All: Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.

One: Let us take time to name the peoples of this land now. I invite you to speak out loud or in silence the local people(s) who traditionally and still call these lands home. If you are aware of the status of Indigenous claims to this land (*unceded, treaty, etc.*), please name this too (*the people speak the names...*).

O God, as we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

All: For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

Opening Hymn:

“Like a Rock” (*More Voices* 92) – Sung 2x

Opening Prayer:

**Holy One, you are our rock,
a foundation upon which we stand.**

Fill our hearts now with joy at your deep, abiding

presence.

Encourage us by the teachings of Christ to live with care and compassion for self, friend, and neighbour.

Bless us now as we reflect on our relations with Indigenous peoples—our kin— as diverse yet united peoples. Amen.

***Hymn:** M. V. - 135 – Called by Earth and Sky



Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1:26-27 – Humans shall have “dominion”

Matthew 22:34-40 – You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Response:

One: These are our words from Scripture.

All: May God bless our understanding. Amen.

Reflection: Finding Neighbours Everywhere

***Hymn:** V. U. - 701- What Does the Lord Require of You –
Sung 2 x

Minute for Mission:

Prayers of the People:

***Hymn:** V. U. - 691 – Thou Ancient Walls

Blessing and Sending:

This service was written by Read Sherman who is Minister at Trinity United Church in Montreal and participates in right relations work in Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

**Living Skies Regional Council Prayer Cycle 2024
January 28**

Carnduff Alida (*Carnduff*)
Coteau Hills (*Birsay, Lucky Lake*)
Craik (*Craik, Penzance—closing*)

Our thanks to Violet Talock for sponsoring this bulletin cover!

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 January 7 -

Local: \$828.00

Other donations:

M & S: \$19.50

PAR – Monthly - \$1115.00, M&S - \$205.00

Please see Cheryl if you want to start donating through PAR or increase you monthly donation for 2024.

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Announcements:

ENVELOPES: If you need donation envelopes there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on February 11th following the service.

NEW: Survey: Mental health and illness in Canadian congregations Do you attend or lead a Christian church in Canada? If so, on behalf of a national partnership between the Flourishing Congregations Institute and Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, you are invited to participate in a ten-to-fifteen minute online survey. This survey will explore the experiences of Canadian congregants living with mental illness or mental health challenges, attitudes towards and beliefs about mental illness and mental health challenges in Canadian churches, and the congregational supports and resources related to supporting mental health and wellbeing. https://www.flourishingcongregations.org/so/c1Opwja_4?languageTag=en&cid=1afc618e-aa2e-4d08-9032-c68baa107b9b

NEW: Affirming PIE Day Prep Part 2, Wednesday January 31, 7:00-8:30PM Central The Affirming movements in our three Regional Councils are hosting open houses online to talk about our local plans for celebrating Affirming PIE Day: Public, Intentional, and Explicit support for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and allies. Come with your plans, hopes, and questions on January 31 and join Prairie to Pine's Equity and Diversity Committee for some good discussion and planning. Bring dessert or pizza pie if you like. All welcome, from all Regional Councils and from ecumenical extended family, and wherever you are, or are not, on the Affirming journey. Please share the information by email, but do not post it on social media. Here is the Zoom info: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/81578258746?pwd=GnkTxGGCVn8zWKDo7mwCcf0Pwyus36.1> Meeting ID: 815 7825 8746 Password: 967101 1-855 703 8985 Canada Toll-free

NEW: PIE in the Public Square, Affirming PIE Day preparation, Thursday February 15 at 6:00PM Central Get ready for dessert with a purpose! Affirming PIE Day is coming up March 14, and to help us get ready, Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble is inviting three dynamic faith leaders to

reflect on what this years' theme means to them: Rev. Franklyn James; Rabbi Dr. Nachshon Siritsky; and Rev. Tricia Gerhard. Together we'll be Public, Intentional, and Explicit with our Affirming welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdOCspjlrHNMq6a4E3m-uVg5BZm9aD2RB#/registration>
<https://fb.me/e/45WSu8kvP>

NEW: Beloved Is Where We Begin: An Online Conversation With Author and Artist Jan Richardson You are warmly invited to join us for an amazing online conversation with author and artist Jan Richardson on Saturday, February 17th, 2024 from 9:30am - 12:00pm PT. This event is co-hosted by Oasis United Church and Naramata Centre. If you register between now and January 26th, there is a 20% discount. For more information, please see <https://naramatacentre.secure.retreat.guru/program/beloved-is-where-we-begin-a-conversation-with-jan-richardson/>

Committee meetings

UCW – 1st Wednesday @ 2 pm

Outreach – 2nd Thursday @ 4pm

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

Choir practice – Sundays 9:30 a.m.



Weekly Schedule

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