





Welcome to  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m., December 8, 2024  
**PEACE**



## **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 Neil Colmin. Jenna Nash leads the choir with Karen Purdy and Hannah Elich taking turns on the piano/organ; 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!

## **Announcements:**

### **Celebration Box:**

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

### **Lighting of the Peace Candle:**

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



### **Call to Worship:**

The day of the Lord brings grace and blessing.

**We come to this day with hearts prepared for praising.**

The day of the Lord brings judgment and pardon.

**We come to this day with souls set on praying.**

The day of the Lord brings wisdom and light.

**We come to this day with minds eager to listen for God's will.**

The day of the Lord brings hope and peace.

**We come to this day filled with anticipation of God's grace.**

In our praising, praying, listening, and responding, we come to worship God. **Amen**

**Hymn: VU# 1 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

### **Children's/Young at Heart Time**

#### **Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (All)**

In this Advent season we await the coming of Christ. Light of the World, come.

**Come to the oppressed and exploited, come to the despised and rejected, come to all in whom the divine image is distorted.**

We wait in joyful expectation. Come not as a man of power, but in love and compassion. **Come to the outcast – like the shepherds in the fields, come to foreigners – like Magi watching from afar, come to rich and poor, young and old, male and female.**

We wait in hopeful anticipation. Come to bless all creation with your love.

**Come to bring salvation on the earth, come to rule with justice and in peace. Come Light of the World, illuminate our path.**

We await with all the peoples of the earth for your return. Light of the World, come..

As we prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness. Let us pray together the way Jesus taught saying:

***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***

### **Scripture Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading            Baruch 5:1-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:        Philipians 1:3-11

Gospel:                Luke 3:1-6

### **Response:**

These are our words from scripture.

**May God bless our understanding.**

**Reflection:** Be Prepared

**Hymn:** VU# 18 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

**Offertory Prayer & Dedication**

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also.

In this hour, we come bringing our treasures, all that we have and all that we are.

We come seeking your treasure, treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint.

**O God, you provide us so many wonderful gifts that make our lives worth living. The gifts of family and friends, the gifts of love and laughter, the gift of your son Jesus. As humble servants it is right that we should show our gratitude and give back. May the gifts of our time, talent and treasure be used for God's work and glory.**

**Amen**

**Minute for Mission**

**Response Hymn:** MV #142 O A Song Must Rise

**Prayers of the People**

**Final Hymn:** VU # 606 In Christ There is No East or West

**Blessing and Sending**

Can you be a voice crying in the wilderness? Can you proclaim that God is active in the world?

**Maybe?**

The time is near, of the crowning of the year.

**We sing with angels, setting the roadways and the buildings humming.**

As people who are being changed, we go into a world that is being changed.

**Ready to share the Good News that the long expected Jesus is coming, that we are being freed from whatever binds us.**

Go now in peace and; may the love of God surround you, may the grace of God astound you, and may the Hope of God ground you. Amen

**Blessing and Sending:**

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

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

**Living Skies Regional Council Prayer Cycle 2024  
December 8**

International Human Rights Day (December 10)

Arcola-Kisbey

Assiniboia

Battleford

**Latest news from St. Andrews:**

Attendance: December 1 - 41

Local: \$1655.00

Other donations:

M & S: \$542.00

PAR – Monthly - \$ 1065.00, M&S - \$120.00

**Weekly expenditures: \$10112.35**

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**Announcements:**

The office is now on reduced hours. There is a calendar posted on the door with the hours for each week. Thank you for your understanding.

**Committee meetings**

UCW – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 2 pm

Outreach – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 4pm

Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.	6:00pm
		Thurs.	
Youth group w/Lisa	Chapel	Sunday Tues.	1:00pm 7:00pm
Crazy Happy Zumba	Social Hall	Tues.	5:00pm
		Thur.	
Bible study	Lounge	Wednesday	10:00am

Quilter's Guild	Social Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7:00pm
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	Sunday	1:00 p.m.
Enough is enough (N/A)	Lounge Chapel	Sun., Mon., Tues. Thurs. Friday	7:00 p.m.
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