Sunday Jan 26, 2025, 10:30am

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Prelude/Announcement Video Greetings

May the light of Christ surround you.

May God bless us all.

Land Acknowledgement
Community Update
Moment to Gather Ourselves In Silence

Lighting the Christ Candle (based on Psalm 36)

Good morning God's children!

Good morning all creation!

We are here at Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, Welcoming God's light into our hearts.

We light a candle now, letting its soft glow remind us to whom we belong.

Song In Response: VU 82, A Light Is Gleaming (chorus)

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms

throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love

is burning bright, living in the light.

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Opening Prayer

Loving One, we are here, each from our own path, our own burden and our own joy, seeking your presence. Meet us where we are, and give us the strength to endure the pain of our lives, and the grace to celebrate the joy. May our bond with you this morning free us to be all you need us to be in this world. Bless us we pray, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Song: MV 79, Spirit Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

- 2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.
- 3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

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Holy Wandering: I wonder what God is up to?

Song: MV 30, It's Song Of Praise To the Maker

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree. It's a song of praise to the Maker, The gray whale sings in the sea,

Refrain

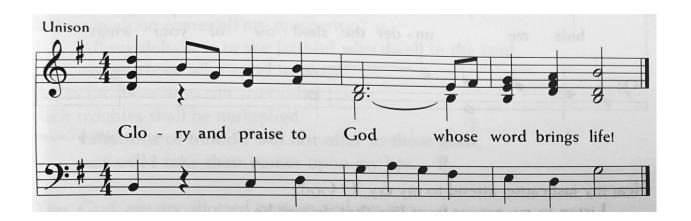
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

- 2. It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar. It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,
- It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
 It's a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the song,
- 4. It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things. It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings,

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Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

Psalm 19, VU 740, refrain 2



The heavens declare the glory of God; and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

One day speaks to another, and night shares its knowledge with night, and this without speech or language; their voices are not heard.

But their sound goes out to all the lands, their words to the ends of the earth. R

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy, like an athlete eager to run the race.

Its rising is at one end of the sky,

it runs its course to the other, and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. R

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

God's commandment is pure

giving light to the eyes;

God's fear is clean, enduring forever;

God's judgements are true,

every one of them righteous;

more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey,

pure honey from the comb. R

By them is your servant warned;

for in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the better of me.

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence. R

All Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer

Luke 4: 14-21

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Who are you in God's realm?

Offering Our Gifts

We recognize all the gifts donated to help Christ's ministry here in Brighton, and this offering is one way we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet here in Brighton. There are plates by the doors at the back of the church and the hall entrance. We are grateful if you feel moved to donate. As we bless the offering, we are also honouring gifts of ministry and love for Christ's work expressed in other ways.

Offering Hymn: MV 157, I Am A Child Of God

- 1. I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation. I am a child of God, I am a child of God.
- 2. I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation, I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.
- 3. I am an angry voice, I am compassion and consternation, I am an angry voice, I am an angry voice.
- 4. I am a cry for peace, I am commitment and dedication, I am a cry for peace, I am a cry for peace.
- 5. I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation, I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

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Blessing The Gifts

Loving and Holy One, from your gifts, we find life. From your love, we find purpose. From your example, we give back. Bless this circle of love, sharing and compassion as we journey through the life you have given us. May our thoughts, words and actions be a part of the world's salvation, through you. Amen.

Prayers Of the People

Prayers are lifted for others today as we remember especially: The family of Keith Stainton; Bev McLean; Henry

Please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:

The family of Gary Steacy; Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Richard; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti.

The Lords Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 326, O For A Thousand Tongues

- O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful broken-hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones, your tongues again employ; you blind, behold your Saviour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of your name.

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Sending Forth

The candle flame is extinguished, and we are ready to share Christ's light with the word.

We bring our full selves to this work: May God remind us daily that we belong to Creator, Christ and Spirit, One God, One Body, One light.

Let's be a part of all goodness and healing in this world! Let's go be children of God.

Choral Amen: Amen Amen Amen.

Postlude

Announcements

Please join us in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Jan 26, 2025 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don't have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$9 per nametag.

Scent Free Environment –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent-triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

Food Safety Recertification course - \$30

Thursday, Jan. 30th at the Dove Hall, TSAUC at 1:00pm

A two-hour presentation by the Public Health Officer, followed by a one-hour exam. Register by email to Doris Smith, Brighton and District Curling Club wdsmith1979@gmail.com or call Doris 613-847-9130

Gala Celebration! To commemorate the United Church of Canada's 100th anniversary, TSA is hosting a Midwinter Gala on February 8, 2025 in The Dove. Join us for a night of festive elegance featuring a catered meal of ham and turkey with all the fixings and special musical guests Ian Simpson and Stephanie Bird! Tickets are \$50. For more information or to purchase tickets, please speak with Brian Ostrander or Jeanette Cournoyer.

Visioning dates now February 2 and 9.

Please note that the visioning exercise planned for this Sunday January 19 has been postponed until February 2. It has been several years since we as a congregation developed our current Vision and Mission Statement. Taking the time to refresh our statements for Trinity-St. Andrews will guide us to collectively understand how God is calling us to grow in faith and to minister in our community. Both sessions will be held at 12 noon, and there will be a light lunch available. You are welcome to either session as your schedule allows, but we have proposed the following to divide us into two smaller groups:

Feb 2 – Worship, Stewardship, Outreach, Hospitality, Clothing Depot

Feb 9 - Affirm and Equity, Youth and young families, MP, Trustees, Hilton Cemetery and Property

AGM for reporting year 2024.....is April 6th. More details to follow.

Committee chairs, please have your year end report, including volunteer hours, to the office by Monday March 10th. Thank you. admin@trinitystandrews.ca

From The Worship Committee

Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 10am, in the Quiet Room, a group of us meet to discuss the upcoming scripture readings or sometimes a book. You are invited to join us. Reach out to Rev. Wanda at minister@trinitystandrews.ca if you need more information

Quinte Transit is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

From the Fundraising Committee

175th Anniversary Shirts for Sale. If you haven't already ordered a long-sleeve Trinity-St. Andrew's anniversary shirt, what are you waiting for? The long-sleeve shirts are perfect for this time of year! Featuring eye-catching artwork by our very own Sandra Candeloro, the shirts are available in a variety of colours and sizes for adults and youth at a cost of \$20 for short-sleeve or \$30 for long-sleeve shirts. To place your order, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer after church, email jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com or call 647-341-6095.

Community Breakfast, Feb 2, 9am, \$15 pay at the door James Keelaghan in Concert, Feb 1, 2pm, \$30

Roast Beef Dinner, Feb 28, 5pm. \$25. Tickets available after church, or the church office during office hours.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Affirm Terminology for January... Alberta passes legislation making ALL youth unsafe On December 5 in Alberta, three sweeping bills were passed that will affect the daily lives of all Albertan youth. In particular, the bills will target queer and trans youth, making an already vulnerable group even more at risk.

As an Affirming Congregation, we should be alarmed at the callousness of this legislation, in the face of mountains of research that proves these laws are undeniably dangerous, based on misinformation, and part of a far-right agenda to keep queer and trans youth closeted, alone, and without the healthcare and community they deserve.

These laws will put ALL youth at risk by effectively eradicating sexual health education, and put more youth at higher risk of sexually transmitted infections, unwanted pregnancy and abuse. While Alberta seems far away, the Ontario Government (and far-right advocates) are watching closely to see what steps should be taken next in this province!

Harm Reduction and Naloxone Workshop. The Harm Reduction Worker for Northumberland County will share the history of the ongoing drug epidemic, its origins, impacts on our communities and what we can do to help, including how to use a Naloxone kit in a drug overdose situation. This is a 90 minute session that is open to everyone on **Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 12 to 2:00 p.m**.

Agenda for Sunday, Jan 26, 2025, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm:

- **Pizza lunch** we will eat during the workshop; please pre-register so we know how much pizza to order (cost \$5 per person)
- Workshop (90 mins, including time for Qs&As)

Note: To pre-register for the pizza lunch, please speak with Jeanette Cournoyer, email: <u>jeanettecournoyer@gmail.com</u> or call 647-341-6095.

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones in healthy and meaningful ways. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. Next meetings are Tuesday, February 4 and March 4, 2025. Please enter via double doors of the church hall. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee would like to remind all church congregants and organizations that behind the choir in the room to the North-West of the sanctuary, in the electronic storage room - there are maintenance request forms available and an inbox for Property on the wall. If you have a request or notice something that needs repair or tender loving care - please fill out a form and drop it off. The inbox is constantly monitored, and is there for everyone's convenience. Thank you.

Trinity St. Andrew's United Property Committee

The church office is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am – 12:30pm Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.

