

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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WE GATHER

Welcome -

We have come here this morning
to learn wisdom from God's Holy Word,
from God's Holy Spirit, and from one another.

We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness
and into the light.

We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life
that God have promised to each of us. Welcome! May Wisdom abound!

Lighting the Christ Candle -

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,
may its light brighten our spirits,
may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Acknowledging Our Kinship

As we begin today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship
of the land of the Indigenous People of this region. We seek to live in respect, peace,
and right relations as we live, work, and worship upon Traditional Territory. We are
mindful of broken covenants and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

Gathering Hymn –Blessed Assurance VU 337

Call To Worship

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth

Young at Heart Time

Hymn of Praise –Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom –MV10

Prayer of Confession

O God,
we live our lives as best we can—
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day
with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.
But here, right now,
we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.
Forgive us for not asking for your insight.
Fill us with your wisdom,
that we may live lives
of goodness and peace. Amen.

Words of Assurance

When we come before God in humility and honesty,
God draws near to us with forgiveness
and renewed blessing.
Thanks be to God!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - James 3: 13-18, 4:7-8a

Meditation - ISO (in search of) Wisdom

Hymn –Be Thou My Vision VU 642

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern -

Servant God,
be with those who are not seen and heard in the world,
because of their gender or age; their caste or race;
their sexuality or lifestyle; their poverty or history.
Open our hearts to all peoples.

God of little children,

be with all children, wherever they live,
whoever their parents are, whatever their needs,
that they would all be welcomed and nourished,
enabled to be all you want them to be.
Open our hearts and arms, to welcome all your children.

God of love,
be with all who live with fear,
fear of saying the wrong thing, fear of being labelled,
fear of themselves or others, fear of you.
Open us all to your endless love that it might drive out fear.

Teacher God,
be with us all, as we struggle to make sense of your world and your word,
as your church, in our communities, as your disciples.
Open our minds and hearts, to learn from you.

God of all,
hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
offered from the darkness and hope of our hearts, Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn – Draw the Circle Wide MV 135

Commissioning and Benediction -

May the holy wisdom of God, Guard your ways and guide your paths
May the living truth of God, Enlighten your hearts and open your minds
And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the fullest!
Amen!

Announcements

October 3rd 2021 will be the date of our annual meeting, following church that day! More information to follow.



Please check the hall for a Coffee sign up list, to help with Fellowship time after Sunday Service.