

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song: *I Love You with the Love of the Lord*

Call to Worship:

L: Joy fills our lives, when we center our lives on Jesus Christ.

P: Hope fills our hearts, when we focus on our Savior.

L: Comfort fills our spirits, when we believe in the Lord.

P: Peace fills our souls, when we seek to do God's Work.

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise our Lord. AMEN.

Singing: *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Lord, We've come with thirsty hearts,
praying that Your word will satisfy us.

We come with aching hearts,
praying for good news to comfort us.

We come with overflowing hearts,
praying for a chance to share Your love.

You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers,
be with us now in this hour of worship.

We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father...

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. (Yeah God!)

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Reader 1: God has proven trustworthy throughout history, but at times we question and doubt, and even deny, God's presence in our lives. We forget the larger picture at times and focus only on that moment, that period of time, when we experience God's absence. We worry and fret about what is happening and what will happen next, rather than trusting in our Savior.

Reader 2: We light this candle as a symbol of our faith in Jesus Christ that his presence is with us, and that we are not alone.

Prayer: God of hope, help us to remember the promise that you will never leave us or forsake us. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, remind us of your presence, and help us to remember to trust in you. Amen.

Sung Response: *We Are Walking a Path of Trust*

Anthem: *The Lighthouse*

Children's Time

Singing: *Jesus Loves Me*

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 p. 11**
Mark 8: 27-38 p. 820

Reflections: **Covenantal Love: For Better, For Worse**

Singing: *Throughout These Lenten Days*

VU#108 vs. 1-4

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Singing: *I'll Fly Away*

Doxology: *For God So Loved the World*

Offertory Prayer: In this season of Lent, we are reminded, Lord, of Your greatest gift of love through Your dying for us on the cross. May we offer our love to You through these gifts and as we care for others. In Jesus we pray, Amen

We come to prayer singing:

We Will Lay Our Burden Down

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *Love Lifted Me*

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Benediction

We extend the hand of Christian Fellowship to our visitors & ask you to sign the visitors' book. We hope you'll return next Sunday. You are invited to Memorial Hall for coffee & conversation. Serving you this morning is the Choir.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Ari, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Tea Kinsella-Borden, Larry Bouchard, Larry Brazier, Brigida, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Larry Falcon, Gail, Linda Gallant, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Marie Loch, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Larry Marcotte, Marisa, Laura McLean, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sharon Miller, Sandra Murphy, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Margaret Reany & family, Cheryl Rogers, Fred Rosettani, Bruce Ryan, Isabel Saccucci, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Lesley Snair, Dylan Stanamir, Frank Stark, Madeline Stevens, Jan Verschoote, Cameron Vincent, Margaret Whittal, Fred Wicks, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman

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- **Thank you to all who contributed to this morning's breakfast!**
- **The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held after Worship Service. We hope you will stay for this event.
- **Happy Birthday** to Matthew Bergeron (Feb. 13) and Elizabeth Bergeron (Feb.23) and Happy Anniversary Rick and Sophie Cessford (Feb. 15).
- Next Saturday, February 24th, a **self-defense course** for women, sponsored by the Options Crisis Pregnancy Centre is being held here from 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 9:30. Registration forms are available today. Cost \$35/person, \$50 for family.
- **World Day of Prayer** to be held at St. George's Church, Friday, March 2 at 2:00 pm

- Please send in your **Spring Newsletter submissions** as soon as possible. Deadline is February 25 but if possible, please send them in this week.

Reminders

- Our food pantry needs tea, coffee, canned meat, cleaning products and personal hygiene products. Thank you for your generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
“ “	1:30 pm	UCW Meeting
“ “	7:30 pm	Stewards' Meeting
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Volleyball
“ “	7:30 pm	Session Meeting
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

185th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2018

~WORSHIP~

February 18, 2018 ~ 10:30 am

Lent I – Memorial Hall



The logo features the word "Lent" in a large, green, cursive font. Below it, the word "BEGINS" is written in a smaller, purple, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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To greet you ~

Elder: Barbara Batten

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