

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Announcements ~

Gathering Song ~

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Call to Worship:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me
bless His holy name.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His
benefits. The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,
and His kingdom rules over all.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His people that do His
will!

**People: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His
dominion.**

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Singing: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU#232

Prayer and Lord's 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; 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.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Reader 1: Today is the fifth Sunday of the season of Lent. As
we continue to travel with each other, listening to the stories of
our ancestors in faith, we pause to give thanks for faith,
persistence, and hope for the future.

Reader 2: Like Jesus as He struggled alone anticipating the
cross, we know all too well the pain of loss. We also remember
that we can experience comfort and renewal through the loving
presence of dear friends and family.

Reader 1: The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that even in the
wilderness experiences of life, when everything seems dry and
lifeless, God's restorative spirit can breathe new life and hope
into our lives.

Reader 2: As we extinguish the fifth Lenten candle we
acknowledge that even with our best intentions we
sometimes feel discouraged and anxious about the future.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

Reader 1: As we watch the smoke rise we are reminded that
God's spirit is always with us in mysterious and visible ways in
our community of faith and in the world.

Reader 2: With thanksgiving for your constant and faithful
presence, we raise our voices in song — a prayer to you, O God.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU#283

God is the One Whom we seek together,
God is the Life Who is part of us all;
God is the Truth and the mark of mystery,
God is the Love and the Joy that makes us whole.

GATHERING PRAYER:

Gracious God, You breathe new life into our lives every moment
of every day. In this Lenten season, help us to be attentive to
Your life-giving spirit in the ordinary activities of our lives. May
we trust in Your enduring and faithful presence as we seek to
discern Your guidance for us as people of faith. We give thanks
for Your love made known in the life and ministry of Jesus
Christ. Amen

Anthem: Near the River

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Singing: Here at this Font VU#450 vs. 1,2

Jackson Cole Jean

**Infant son of Claude Jean & Jennifer Shadbolt
Godparents ~ Jason Shadbolt & Valerie Haley**

Hebrew Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee
And give Thee peace.

**Lighting of Candle for New Life
Presentation of Candle, Book & Certificate**

Singing: Here at this Font VU#450 vs. 3,4

**Scripture Readings: John 12:1-8 p. 874
Philippians 3:7-11 p. 955**

Reflections ~ Making Positive Connections

Singing: Said Judas to Mary VU#129

Presentation of Ourselves and Gifts to God

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer: To You Who offers new life, may we offer
ourselves in loving service. Use us as You will as part of Your
coming community, springing to life in the very midst of our
tired world. Use us and our gifts, we pray. Amen

We come to prayer singing:
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU#400

We bring our prayers to God

Singing: *The Way of the Cross Leads Home* SOG#50

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 Session.

Please Pray For: The family of Neebin Armstrong, Arthur Allan, Antoine, Pat Ashworth, Shelley Baumann, Barbara Batten, Bernice, Brigitta Blersch, Greg Blersch, Robin Blersch, Bonnie, Esther Bohlein, Larry Brazier, Leah & Chris, Liam Broomer, Carol, Caroly, Rick Cessford, Laura Cuthbertson, Dianah, Milt Dodds, Carol Epps, Mary-Alice Epps, Ron Epps, Gail, Linda Gallant, Dan Gingras, Gladys, Myrna Hall, Ruby Horan, Colette Humphries, Schofield Jackson, Jennifer, Fern Lafontaine, Lance & family, Roger Laplante, Jemma Mahabir, Clarence Mahaney, Carrie Marchand, Marcelle, Marisa, Laura McLean, Dan McVeigh, Mile, Michael, Cheryl Miller, Sandra Murphy, Don Nielsen, Ib Nielsen, Paige, Harley Parkinson, Patrick, Julie Patterson, Willa Pender, Sarah Puskas, Ella-Mae Ramsey, Bruce Rathwell, Cheryl Rogers, Bruce Ryan, Eileen & Donald Sim, Heather Sim, Reynold Skeete, Dylan Stanamir, Madeline Stevens, John Taylor, Jan Verschoote, Margaret Whittal, Joanne Wilken, John Wiwcharyk, Shirley Yarnell, Sarah Zimmerman.

Announcements

- The UCW wishes to thank everyone who participated in our very successful Coffee Party & Bake Sale. Thank you for your donations of goodies and also for your attendance.
- On **Palm Sunday, April 14th**, our worship service will be held in Memorial Hall. The Drama Group will be presenting the play *"Dream Big! A Cradle, A Cross, A Crown"*.

- **Easter is on April 21st** when between the Sunrise Service and the Holy Communion Service we serve a hot-cross bun breakfast. **Anyone willing to help with the breakfast**, we ask you to sign the list in Memorial Hall. Thank you!
- **Please take note: Pizza Hut Fundraiser**
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 — 2 Sittings*
(all members of your group must be present)
4:30-5:30 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm
Adults \$13 / Children (6-10) \$5 / (5 & under free)
Thank you for supporting us in this fundraiser for St. A's.
- Please read notice on bulletin board concerning soft drink cans and bottles. Thank you for your help.

Reminders

- Food Pantry ~ Thank you for your continuing generosity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday	9:00 am	Badminton
“ “	10:00 am	Prayer Fellowship
Wednesday	8:30 pm	Volleyball
Thursday	9:00 am	Badminton
Friday	8:00 pm	AA Meeting

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

186th Anniversary Year ~ 1833-2019

~WORSHIP~

April 7, 2019 ~ 10:30 am

Lent V



Minister: Rev. K. Alice McAlpine

Director of Music Ministry: Doreen Gilbert Bangs

To greet you ~

Elder: Barbara Batten

Stewards: Andrew Ford & Keith Motton