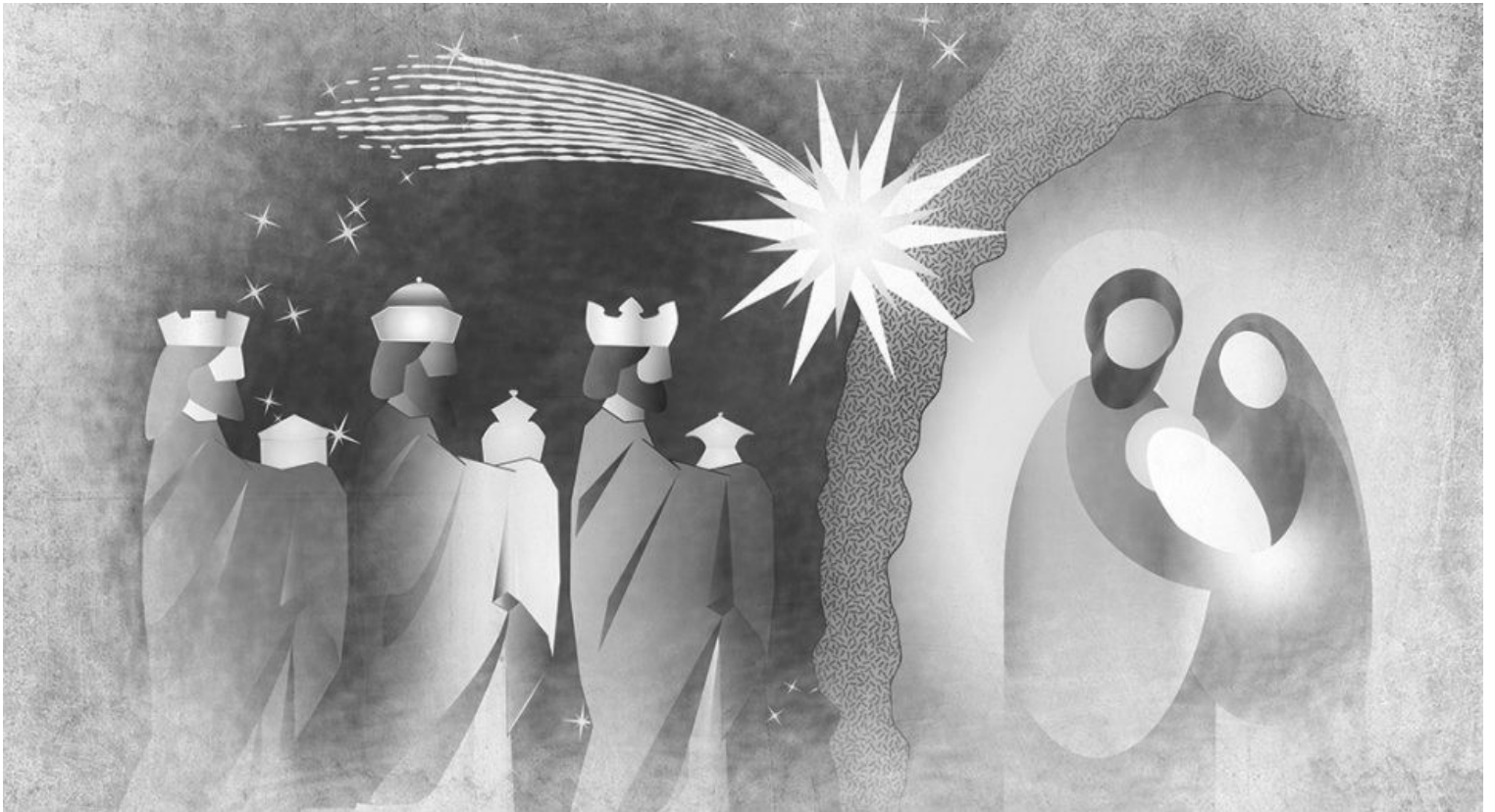


Welcome to *First-St Andrew's* **UNITED CHURCH**

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



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Epiphany
10:30 am



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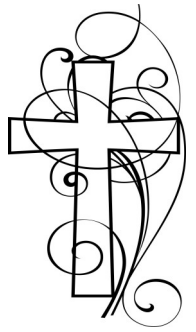
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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's. If you are new to the family, please know that you are always welcome here. It would be our blessing to meet you after worship for Coffee and Conversation, and to share with you some of the many exciting things that are happening here at FSA.

Rev. Michelle Down wants to hear from you! Please contact her at revmichelledown@fsaunited.com or on her cell at 519-709-9554 anytime.

Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand, if able.

Music to Enter into God's Presence:

Selected Pieces for Epiphany
Paul Merritt, Organist Emeritus

Welcome and Announcements:

Rev. Ann Corbet

One: Hear these words of inspiration, found in the Hebrew scriptures:

"Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction...and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting...For God will lead...with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. *(attributed to Baruch)*

Mission & Outreach Message:

Linda Badke

Lighting the Christ Candle

Heather Vouvalidis

Music: We Three Kings

arr. N. Rawsthorne

Call to Worship:

One: Blessed be the God who alone has worked wonders.

All: Blessed be the name of God!

One: The rising sun has come to us,

All: shining on those in the dark,

One: guiding our steps into peace,

All: a lamp shining in the darkness,

One: until day begins to dawn,

All: and the Morning Star rises in our hearts,

One: for unto us, a child is born; unto us, a Son is given.

All: Alleluia!

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** VU #264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Time with the Young at Heart

Song: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we travel so far,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star

CHORUS: Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star of royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to your perfect light.



Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Joan Bancroft

One: Herein lies wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: Arise, Shine in the Company of Wise Ones!

Rev. Ann Corbet

New Year Commitment and Affirmation:

One: Trusting in God, the Giver of Life, and Source of Light, I pledge

**All: to seek out the light, as tempting as the shadows may be,
to acknowledge my fear of the unknown, trusting that God knows
the way,
to embrace the future, knowing that change is part of life, and that
God can be present in change,
to celebrate the Light that is within me, to reflect that light wherever
I go.**

**I can do all this because I am a blessed child of God, baptized in the
Spirit of Christ.**

**Together with my brothers and sisters in Christ, I blaze my way
forward.**

Together, we can bring hope to the world. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn:** VU #79 Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

Offering

Offertory Music: Trumpet Voluntary

C. Callahan

***Offertory Response:** VU #81 As with Gladness Men of Old - vs. 1 & 3

DIX

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendour see.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you, our heavenly King.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn:** VU #96 Will You Come and See the Light

KELVINGROVE

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Benediction Response:** VU #646 We Are Marching

SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God



Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:
In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

**THANK YOU
to Rev. Ann Corbet
& Paul Merritt
for their
ministries today!**

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Peggy & Bob Watson, Marilyn & David Beach
Narthex Co-ordinator: Ron Bradley
Coffee & Conversation: Isabel & Howard Moffat and David & Winnie Wake
Service Support: George Jolink
Gift Card Sales: Barb Dalrymple and Margo Christodoulou
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff

Rev. Michelle Down Minister of Worship and Congregational Life	
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