

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

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Mother's Day

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Mother's Day - Baptism

10:30 am



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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:

Variations on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Denis Bedard

Welcome:

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.
God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
Remind us today of our Holy worth.
O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

Copied from Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Geneva Press, 2000).



Music Celebrating Mother's Day: May They See Jesus
The women of FSA Senior Choir

James Colman

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Sonja, Oscar, Thomas,
George & Charlotte Appleton

Music: The Call
Alastair Smyth - baritone

R. Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship:

Joan Bancroft

One: We gather to worship God.

ALL: We think of God as Holy Mother, and we remember our natural mothers, our birth mothers, our adopted mothers, our step-mothers.

One: We gather to give praise, and share gratitude.

ALL: We remember to give thanks for those who have mothers, for those who are mothers, and for those who mother others as acts of kindness and generosity, and Christian discipleship.

One: We gather to confess, and to forgive.

ALL: We remember our caring mothers, and our imprisoned mothers, our loving mothers, and our violent mothers; our nurturing mothers and our neglectful mothers. We remember the ones who gave us birth, and the others who give us life.

One: Come. Come to sing, pray, learn and share on this Mother's Day, and day of Baptismal celebration and commitment. Will you pray with me?

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer:

Joan Bancroft



Sacrament of Baptism:

Introduction of Shaw Michael Owen Atherton and Lily Elide Tessa Atherton

Jo Ann Silcox

Questions of Intention for Parents:

Do you believe in God, Jesus the Risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Three in One; Holy, and Divine?

Parents: I do believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Do you promise to provide for your children, Shaw and Lily, Christian homes of love and trust?

Parents: I promise to provide a home that is filled with Christian values, and to teach my children the ways of Christ, the ways of the church, and the ways of faith.

Will you set before Shaw and Lily an example of the morals and beliefs that you wish them to adhere by?

Parents: I do promise to live out the values, morals and beliefs that I wish for Shaw and Lily.

I promise to show by example, and teach by the gospel, the things that are important to me: Love, Compassion and Empathy, Kindness, Integrity and the beauty of Life. I promise to commit to spending quality time, to both talk to, and listen to my children as they grow and question life and faith.

Do you name for your children this day, Godparents that will assist them to grow in their discipleship, mission and service?

Parents: Yes, today we name people that are important in our lives, and in the lives of our children. We name Kathy and Rod Griffiths, and Lorenzo and Amanda Ranalli as Godparents to our beloved Shaw and Lily Atherton.

What are the commitments and blessings that you, brother and sister would like to share with Lily and Shaw today?

Vows that Lily and Shaw wrote:

Michelle: Shaw, what are the Vows that you have written, that you would like to make on this day of your baptism?

Shaw: I commit to learn with Passion and Compassion for others.

I am committed to have Hope and Faith in Jesus Christ.

I promise to love and respect my family.

I commit to always loving God, and to keep him always in my heart.

I promise to follow Jesus' teachings, and become a part of the First-St. Andrew's family and community.

Michelle: Lily, what are the Vows that you have written, that you would like to make on this day of your baptism?

Lily: I appreciate what my teachers teach me, and say thank you.

I promise to Love God and Jesus in the church community.

I am embracing the love of my parents and family.

I promise to love God and respect and care for the world that He gave us.

Jesus teaches us to love one another, and I will do this.

I would like to be a good sister to all of my new brothers and sisters in my new First-St. Andrew's family.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing of the Water

Action of Baptism **Shaw Michael Owen Atherton**
 Lily Elide Tessa Atherton

Lighting of Baptismal Candle

Heather Guthrie

Baptismal Certificate and Gift of Stained Glass Dove

***Hymn:** VU #409 Morning Has Broken
(Children leave for Sunday School)

BUNESSAN



Stewardship Seconds:

Stewards give thanks and shout "Hosanna!" every day, knowing that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Introduction of Charlie-Lynn Angela Rice

Jo Ann Silcox

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Parents: We do.

Do you promise to provide a family environment for your child that is filled with the teachings of Jesus?

Parents: We promise to provide a home filled with Christian values, and to teach Charlie-Lynn the ways of Christ, the ways of the church, and the ways of faith.

Do you promise to raise your child, as God raises all children with Faith, Hope and Love, with the greatest of these being Love?

Parents: We do so promise. With Jesus being our teacher, our inspiration, and our guide.

Vows of Godparents:

Natasha Welshman and Kyle Patterson, do you as Godparents for Charlie-Lynn Angela Rice, promise to teach her in the ways of faith.

Godparents: We promise to teach her to reach out to others in kindness, to pray with her for the care of the world, and to pray for her as she grows in faith. We promise to support her in both action and deed, with God being our helper.

Vows of Grandparents and Family: (please stand as you are able)

Do you the Grandparents and family of Charlie-Lynn Angela Rice promise to love her and care for her. Do you promise to pray for her, and lift her up in life, so that burdens can be lightened, and sorrows can be sweetened?

Grandparents and Family: We do promise to love her, care for her, and pray for her, with God being our helper and guide.

Do you promise to set petty differences aside, and support her parents in ways of true Christian love. To pray for them, and care for them in ways of discipleship and action?

Grandparents and Family: We do promise to love them, care for them, and pray for them, with God being our helper and guide.

Action of Baptism **Charlie-Lynn Angela Rice**

Lighting of Baptismal Candle

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Introduction of Addison Brynn Callowhill

Jo Ann Silcox

Questions of Intention for Parents:

Do you believe in God, who has created,
and is creating the music of peace in our world?

Do you believe in Jesus, who brought harmony to a new group of people?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who bands us together as an orchestra of compassion and charity?

Parents: We do.

Do you promise to provide a family environment for your child that is filled with the teachings of Jesus?

Parents: We promise to provide a home filled with Christian Values, and to teach Addison the ways of Christ, the ways of the church, and the ways of faith.

What are your core values that you promise to share with your child?

Parents: We promise to share our core values with Addison. We believe that: love is for all people; that 'value' is not a monetary thing, but instead the connections that you have with others; that church is a place of acceptance and belonging; and that music is the rhythm of our lives, our charity, our gift to share. These are the vows and commitments that we make on this day.

Vows of Grandparents and Family: (please stand as you are able)

Do you the Grandparents and Family of Addison Brynn Callowhill promise to love her and care for her? Do you promise to pray for her, and listen to her, and sing with her? Do you promise to depend on the God who loves you, and teach Addison the same life of discipleship, empathy, and universal caring?

Grandparents and Family: We do promise to love her, care for her, and pray for her. We also promise to share our faith and teachings with her, so that she may grow in wisdom, strength, independence, and faith.

Do you promise to support her parents and offer them unconditional love, and family support?

Grandparents and Family: We do promise to love them, care for them, and pray for them, with God being our helper and guide.

Action of Baptism **Addison Brynn Callowhill**

Lighting of Baptismal Candle

Heather Guthrie

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Anthem: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Bob Kennedy - clarinet

Anthony Baldwin

Scripture: John 17:6-19

Jill Kennedy

Sermon: Sanctify them by the Truth; Your word is Truth. John 17: 17

***Hymn:** VU #506 Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

Introduction of Aria Khalili

Jo Ann Silcox

Questions of Intention:

Do you believe in God, Jesus the Risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Three in One; Holy, and Divine?

Aria: I do.

Rev. Dr. David McKane

Do you promise to live a life that is filled with the teachings of Jesus?

Aria: I do promise to live the ways of Christ, the ways of the church and the ways of faith.

Aria, what are the personal vows that you would like to make before God and the church today?

Aria: As a person of faith, who has lived a life of faith, I promise to be open to the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth and love.

Bob, will you commit to being Aria's sponsor here at First-St. Andrew's, and continue to incorporate him into the life and ministry of this church?

Bob Swartman: I am committed and honoured to be his sponsor. I will continue to support and encourage Aria to be involved in this faith family.

Action of Baptism **Aria Khalili**

Lighting of Baptismal Candle

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*Vows of Promise for Whole Congregation for All those Baptized today:
(please stand as you are able)

It is faith that has brought us all here today. Faith in God, faith in the church, and faith in this family. So I ask each of you here, are you willing to support these blessed children of God:

Shaw Michael Owen Atherton

Lily Elide Tessa Atherton

Charlie-Lynn Angela Rice

Addison Brynn Callowhill

Aria Khalili

as they grow and mature in life and faith?

All Congregation: I am willing, with God's Blessing.

Do you promise, as their church family to love them, to hold them in your prayers, and bless them with God's guidance and Grace?

All Congregation: I do promise to love them, pray for them, and support them in their Christian Journey of Faith.



Offering: God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

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Offertory Music: Take My Life and Let It Be Sandra Eithun
Laudamus Bells

Offertory Response: VU#179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1

Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ;
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn:** VU#217 All Creature of Our God and King – verses 1, 4, 5
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Blessing and Benediction:**

***Benediction Response:** VU #556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families - vs.1
AITKIN

Would you bless our homes and families, Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays,
Teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.

Music to Commission Us Into Service and Witness:

Jesus Shall Reign Sandra Eithun
Laudamus Bells

*Please join us downstairs for coffee and sweets to help us
welcome our newest members*

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Jane Glaves, Katie Glaves, Jackie Lautens and Virginia Robinson
Narthex Co-ordinator: Ron Bradley
Coffee & Conversation: Bob Swartman, June McKay, John Eberhard and Doug Jones
Service Support Staff: George Jolink
We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

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