

Welcome to **St. Andrew's United Church** in Chalk River ON  
On this **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Jan 23, 2022

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepared to meet God.

**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

SCRIPTURE GREETING/WELCOME: Psalm 19:1-4a, 14

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: 1 Corinthians 12:27 says, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." May the lighting of this candle remind us of our membership in the body of Christ and our ministry, one body, many parts.

GATHERING HYMN: VU 402 "We Are One"

CALL TO WORSHIP: Come. As one week ends and another begins we gather for a time of worship, a time of praise and prayer, thankful that we can place ourselves, our loved ones, and all our sorrows and joys in God's ever waiting hands where we know everyone is welcome. Come.

**We come confident that God is always with us. We come with gratitude that, in this world we live in, we can gather in new ways with others as companions on our journey. We come to give thanks and praise.**

**(together we pray): We come before you, O God, knowing the ways we fall short of your glory, yet here we are. Your goodness, your grace, mercy, and love are abundantly poured out on us daily and we are grateful. Touch our hearts during this time of worship, fill us with the light of your presence, so that during this time of worship, we may be vessels receiving your word as one in the Body of Christ. Like Andrew, Simon, Philip, and Nathanael, (from last Sunday) make us eager to follow Jesus, joining in his**

**ministry, his life's mission. This is our prayer as our service of worship begins. We pray in Jesus name. Amen**

**HEARING AND CONTEMPLATING THE WORD OF GOD**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21

Message: "God's Favor"

HYMN: VU 697 "O for a World"

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

To all celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, may your day be a happy one and the coming year be filled with blessings.

WE GIVE THANKS We are in the midst of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.... (singing together) **VU 93 "When Heaven's Bright with Mystery"** (verses 1&4)

VU 400 "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: VU 691 "Though Ancient Walls"

**BLESSING**

... You do not go alone!

Threefold Amen

VU 429 "May the Blessing of God Be Upon You