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Our Mission

To send our people into the world
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;
to live as Christ would have us live,
with love and justice as our goals.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

The musical offerings during worship can be very inspirational. Please help us to preserve the sanctity of those offerings to God and God's people by allowing the music to stand alone in silence at its conclusion as it resonates in the sanctuary, in our hearts, and in our souls. If you wish to share your thoughts or appreciation with the musicians, please do so after worship.
Thank you!

PRELUDE:

'Come O Fount of every Blessing' (Nettleton) arr. D. Wood

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

We Gather

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

We Approach Our God

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are called
each and every one:

old, young,
woman, man.

We are called,
into God's future

called to speak God's message,
called by the One whom we gather to worship today.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

**We thank you, God, for calling to us,
for calling us into the future with you.
May we hear, understand, imagine, and follow,
and live into your vision for all. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **559**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**God, we know you call us into your future. But
sometimes, we do not recognize your voice – perhaps
because we have not yet learnt, or have forgotten to
expect your call. Sometimes we do not hear you calling –
perhaps because we get too busy, or distracted by other
voices, like our inner voice of greed or self-satisfaction.
Sometimes we hear your call, but we ignore it – perhaps**

because to follow means making changes when we are comfortable, or we doubt that we are able to answer the call. We are sorry for these times when we don't acknowledge your voice, don't hear your voice, don't respond to your voice. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE: **84** (verse 2)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
Too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world;
Your radiance bathes with power to heal.

*HYMN: **509**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM, LORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

We Listen for God's Word

SOLO: But the Lord is mindful from the oratorio "St. Paul"

(Soloist: Susanne Reimer)

Felix Mendelssohn

But the Lord is mindful of His own;
He remembers His children.
Bow down before Him, ye mighty,
for the Lord is near us.

THE HEBREW LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 O.T. pg.247

read by Kevin Coombs

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 139 VU pg.861

led by Barbara Coombs

ANTHEM: The wings of the morning

Text: Psalm 139

Music: John Rutter

MESSAGE: "Things That Go Bump In The Night"

We Make Our Response

*HYMN: **MV161**

I Have Called You by Your Name

KELLY

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Andante Pastorale

Edwin Lemare

*DOXOLOGY: **93** (verse 4)

When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

SUSSEX CAROL

When heaven's bright with mystery
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of power can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

We Go Forth

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **562**

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: **84** (verse 4)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

CANONBURY

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.

POSTLUDE:

Sortie in F major (from L'Organiste)

C. Franck



Please join us for coffee, tea and juice
after the service in the downstairs
auditorium.



Welcome to Worship

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.



You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.

The Anthem this Week

The text for this tuneful anthem is selected from Psalm 139. The music was written by English composer John Rutter in 2003 for the Durban Serenade Choir from South Africa.

Sunday School

The Sunday School is beginning a new unit this week entitled *Encountering the Holy*, which reflects the scripture stories of people, of different ages and backgrounds, encountering the holy in unusual circumstances. Images of both ancient and modern encounters with the holy are included in this unit, reminding us that we can encounter God in many different ways and at many different stages of our lives.

St. Andy II

And now a word from St. Andy II...

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were all that you hoped for and are now ready for the excitement of entering a another year!

In November, the ABC Group held their potluck supper and entertained a special guest, Kim Malchuk, author of "Tasting Rain". I am quoting from the cover page: "If we can change our thoughts, we can change the direction of our lives. Her teacher was CANCER, and although it took her husband, it had no power over the enduring spirit of their love". She invites everyone to stop holding back and start living the life of their dreams.

A signed copy has been placed in the library compliments of the Christian Education Committee. Start the New Year off with a trip to the library and pick up "Tasting Rain" and "take a leap of faith"!

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