New Vision Community Church and St. Andrews United Church



Ministers: The people of St. Andrew’s and

New Vision Community Church

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And a Child Shall Lead Them All

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Acknowledging Our Territory**

**Call to Worship**

One: We believe in one Lord, one life-giving God who created all things, big and small, smart and odd.

**All: We believe in Christ Jesus, love in the flesh, who came down to earth to reconcile our mess.**

One: We believe in the Spirit, who nudges us on -- toward God and each other and what can be done

**All: By the power of God’s love that call us to action, reaching out in deep prayer and selfless compassion.**

One: We seek God’s new kingdom -- new heaven, new earth --where all kinds are welcome, and weak ones are first.

**All: We live in the light of God’s grace and great joy. We witness to Christ (and try not to annoy).**

One: Our hearts are all warm -- strangely so, I must say -- as we join with the Spirit and humbly we pray: let us join God in creating more love every day!

**All: Amen and amen, and amen some more! Amens and amens and amens galore!**

**Gathering Hymn - The Church is Wherever - 579 VU**

**Prayer of the People**

**God of All the Ages,**

**we thank you for this day,**

**for caring for us beautifully in this time.**

**We praise your name for the gift of children**

**in our lives and in our community.**

**Forgive us for times when we discount their voices.**

**Help us share your story with one another**

**that we may remember your love written on our hearts.**

**Remind us to follow children,**

**as they lead us to living the kin-dom way.**

**We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**All God’s Children - Child Like or Childish**

**Hymn - Hope is a Star - 7 VU**

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading - John 6: 24-35, Matthew 18: 1-6**

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation - *Children of all Ages***

**Hymn - Like a Rock - MV 92**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**’**S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn**

**Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving - 540 VU**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

 with a spirit large and free,

 that ourselves and all our living

 we may offer faithfully.

**Dedication**

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn - Go to the World - 420 VU**

**Blessing and Commissioning**

**Announcements**

**Reminders**

* **August-St. Andrews will be closed with services held at New Vision at 10:30am**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME FOR SUMMER SERVICES< ALL WILL BEGIN AT 10:30am.**

* **Offerings will go to the specified church. Loose offerings will go to the church holding the service.**

**Upcoming**

* **Next week’s service is at New Vision at 10:30am.**
* **Camp this week at st. Andrews with spots available call the office to reserve a spot.**

 **August 11th foodbank collection is canned pasta**

**Thank you for your generous donations to day camp! It has been an outpouring from both churches, and has been so wonderful to see! We no longer need snacks, but could always use some juice! Thank you everyone!**