



We are glad you're here. If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, we would love to have you sign the Welcome Book. If you are visiting from out of town, church-shopping, or came with a friend who already calls St. Andrew's home – we want to meet you!

Please take this bulletin home as it contains a lot of information about the many things happening at St. A's, including interest based groups, social activities, or justice orientated opportunities. You can also find more detailed information on our website or by signing up for our weekly newsletter at www.standrewsriverheights.com.

Let's learn, live, and love in God's way together!

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

Wreaths and Swags



With Christmas quickly approaching, the Senior Youth will once again be selling wreaths and swags door to door in the neighbourhood. Watch for our sweet smiling faces. Thank you for helping to support our Scholarship Fund. Contact Stu Roche at 204-487-1436.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering Music

*please stand or sit in the Spirit

Greeting – Izzy Dyck

The God in me greets the God in you. **Alleluia!**
God is in us and we are in God. **Alleluia!**

*Opening Hymn: VU395 – Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Rosemary & Jasper Lea

Prelude (Largo from Guitar Concerto – A. Vivaldi)

Centering Prayer – Olivia & Jan Demeduk

**O God, our Creator, grace our humble gathering with your presence this day!
May we learn and love in our time together! Come let us worship God!**

*Hymn: VU82 – A Light is Gleaming

Life and Work of the Church

Gathering Prayer – Emily & Jen Parks

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Anthem: "O That I Had a Thousand Voices" (see below for words)

Message

Speakers – Rev. Karen Lumley, Alenna Mark, Stu Roche, and Kim Hannam

Offering/Offertory (Menuet for Flute Clock – J. Haydn)

*Offering Prayer

God of light, we thank you for Jesus, who holds the lamp for each of us and shields our lights from flickering and going out. We offer gratitude by these gifts we bring today. May they be used in this place and around the world to continue to let your light shine everywhere. Amen.

Prayers of the People/A Paraphrase of Lord's Prayer (VU916)

*Closing Hymn: VU87 – I Am the Light of the World (vs 2-4)

*Blessing

*Benediction: VU646 – We are Marching

Postlude (Allegro spiritoso – R. Hughes)

FIND YOUR PLACE

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

AFFIRMING

Our continuing mandate is to encourage ongoing understanding of what it means to be affirming and to evaluate the programs at St. Andrew's for inclusivity.
Tara - mctara@shaw.ca

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE

Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.
Brenda - bj.kennedy@mymts.net

BIBLE STUDY

We meet Friday mornings at 9:15am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime!
ckinsman@standrewsriverheights.com

BOOK CLUB

We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome!
Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca

CARING COMMUNITY

We oversee pastoral care in collaboration with the ministry staff.
Ardelia - aburrow@shaw.ca

CENTERING PRAYER

A form of Christian meditation based on an ancient practice of prayer. Newcomers welcome - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. clark_brownlee@mts.net

CIRCLE OF CARE

Lay pastoral care-giving and ministry for all ages and stages of the congregation.
ckinsman@standrewsriverheights.com
klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

GUATEMALA

Senior youth, ages 14 & older, are eligible for our biennial mission trip to Guatemala.
klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

HOSPITALITY

Help us with Sunday Services, coffee, fundraisers, and so much more!
volunteer@standrewsriverheights.com

MESSY CHURCH

Once a month gathering where families can enjoy being together. Crafts, stories and potlucks!
klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

OUTREACH

Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.
Nancy - neh@mts.net

PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS

Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.
volunteer@standrewsriverheights.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teachers are always needed. Contact Karen Lumley to volunteer @ 488-1130 or klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

STEWARDSHIP

Encourage stewardship of time, talents and resources throughout St. Andrew's.
clark_brownlee@mts.net

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC

Love to sing or play the handbells? Both choirs meet Thursday evenings and welcome new members!
Choir Director - dmorphy1@mts.net
Handbell Choir - carolynlutes@gmail.com

WAY OF DISCERNMENT

This group meets Wednesday evenings over a 6 week period. To find out when our next session is starting, contact Cathy @ ckinsman@standrewsriverheights.com.

ST ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

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Service Team Lead	Paul Webster	paulwebster@shaw.ca

WASHROOMS

Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

COFFEE TALK

Are you new to St. Andrew's? Please join us in the narthex following the service to learn about the work of the church and how you might share your gifts within and beyond the building. We'd love to hear from you!

TODAY'S ANTHEM

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Text: Johann Mentzer (1658-1734) Music: Mary McDonald

Oh, that I had a thousand voices,
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs.

O all you powers that God implanted,
Arise and silence keep no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
You noblest work is to adore!

All creatures that have breath and motion,
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Now join me in my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high!

O Father, deign Thou, I beseech Thee to listen to my earthly lays.
A nobler strain in heaven shall reach Thee
When I with angels hymn Thy praise!
And learn amid their choirs to sing
Hallelujahs to my King! Amen!

About the Anthem: The anthem is a sturdy song of praise to celebrate gifts. The original text was written by a Lutheran pastor, Johann Mentzer, in 18th century Germany, and is quite familiar to several denominations. It has been translated in a variety of versions, and this version uses four lines in each stanza instead of the original six. Mary McDonald is a prolific American composer of sacred music from Knoxville, Tennessee.



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.



When we are gone, what legacy will we leave? Will be one of generous giving from God's abundance, or one of hoarding and fear?

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

Friday

Musical Theatre (auditorium) @ 4:30 – 8:30pm

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Intergenerational Worship
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

Rental – Renaissance Voices
Sanctuary @ 2:30 – 5:30pm

Rental – Manitoba Government
Auditorium @ 1:30 – 4:30pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Service Team Meeting
****Remit 6 Vote****
Lounge @ 7pm

U of M opera stage set-up

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Rental – U of M opera rehearsal
Sanctuary @ 5-10pm

Foundation AGM (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Poseidan @ 2pm (Karen)
Personal Care Home Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Office Closed today

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

Rental – U of M opera rehearsal
Sanctuary @ 11 – 4pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Worship (auditorium) @ 10:30am
****stage set-up in sanctuary for U of M opera****

Rental – Renaissance Voices
Auditorium @ 2:30 – 5:30pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Rental – U of M opera rehearsal
Sanctuary @ 5-10pm

ABC Potluck (lounge) @ 6pm (set-up @ 5pm)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Pres. Exec. Meeting (lounge) @ 2-5pm

Centering Prayer
Lounge @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Rental – U of M Opera Performance
Sanctuary @ 5-10pm

Affirm Talks @ 7 – 9pm
Transcona Memorial United Church
See the poster in the Narthex for more details.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Tuxedo @ 10:30am (Karen)
Personal Care Home Worship Service

Rental – U of M Opera Performance
Sanctuary @ 5-10pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Rental – Stage removal

Volunteers Needed – Church Decorating
Contact Ruth McKenzie (mckenziegrst@shaw.ca).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Cookie Walk (auditorium) 9-11am
Volunteers need to bake cookies!
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – Advent I

Communion Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

Guatemala: Soup & Sandwich & Bazaar
Auditorium @ 11:45am

Rental – Elizabeth Rotoff
Sanctuary @ 7pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Rental – Rainbow Harmony Choir
Sanctuary @ 5:30 – 10pm

Important Reminder: Memory Tree forms due!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Worship Interest Group (lounge) @ 7pm
P&A Interest Group (CE room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Rental – Rainbow Harmony Choir
Sanctuary @ 5:30 – 10pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

The **6th anniversary sale for the Basement Bookstore** is on Thursday, December 7, 2017, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is a wide choice of titles and authors with many current best sellers. There will be many bargains available, as well as shortbread for sale. Plan to come and bring your friends.

Boulton @ 10:30pm (Cathy)
Sr. Housing Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

M&P Meeting (chapel) @ 9am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Rental – Rainbow Harmony Choir
Sanctuary @ 3:30 – 10:30pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – Advent II

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am



Memory Tree Reception: Plan to come to a special gathering on **Sunday, December 10, 2017** for an informal reception from 4-5pm in the lounge. As darkness falls at 5pm, the Memory Tree on the Oak Street side of the church will be lit up and will stay continuously lit through the Advent and Christmas season until the New Year. This is very heart-warming to all of us who participate and remember, but it also warms the grounds of St. Andrew's and the neighbourhood. You will find Memory Tree forms in the Narthex, the church office or on our website. Forms are due **Monday, December 4.**

Outreach

It's that time of year again! We will be collecting toys, gifts for children, youth and adults for **The Christmas Store** at St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry. Gifts can be dropped off at the church. See Rev. Karen Lumley for more info.

Just Gifts 2017! Help provide family and community for Winnipeg's lonely and give your loved ones something special this holiday season - the gift of hope for Winnipeg's under-loved! Check it out at <http://1justcity.ca/justgifts-2017/>.

Bill C-262: The Outreach Interest Group is asking St. Andrew's to become involved in the campaign to get the Government of Canada to pass Bill C-262, a private member bill to get the Government of Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous People and to harmonize all its legislation with this declaration. This will be introduced in Parliament on Dec 4/17. You will find postcards & examples of what to write in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Karen Lumley.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Centering Prayer
Lounge @ 7pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm
♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Bible Study – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – Advent III

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Youth Choir singing

Recital (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

DECEMBER

December 19
Service Team meeting @ 7pm

December 22
Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am
Office Closed Dec 22 – 29

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Morning worship @ 10:30am
Family Service @ 6:30pm
Communion Service @ 8:30pm
Lessons & Carols @ 10pm

December 31

Worship @ 10:30am
Wedding @ 3pm

JANUARY

January 7
Epiphany/Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am

January 8

Important Reminder: Annual Reports due!



Tell Your Friends! "The Cookie Walk" Bake Sale and Boutique will take place at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church in the Auditorium on Saturday December 3, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

This sale features fancy, fresh baked Christmas cookies that are delicious and beautiful to give as gifts or to "keep and eat". Upon arriving at the sale, you will pay for an empty box and will then proceed on the cookie walk through the auditorium choosing your favorites among large trays laden with fancy decorated holiday cookies. When the box is full it will be tied with ribbon and voila - your holiday baking is "in the box". Visit "The Boutique" that will feature beautifully presented cello wrapped gifts of various slices and fudge which are perfect for hostess and teacher gifts. Everyone welcome!

Bakers Needed!!!! To make the Cookie Walk a success we require about 400 dozen cookies. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Your support is greatly appreciated.

