

# Welcome

St. Andrew's River Heights United ~ December 3, 2017

## ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

\*please stand or sit in the spirit

GREETING: We wait and watch for Jesus' birth in the weeks of Advent.

**With his arrival comes hope for our futures.**

SKIT: Advent Confusion (Fred Cross, Susanne Reimer, Chris Donlevy and Izzy Dyck)

\*OPENING HYMN: VU1 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1, 3, 6, & 7)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – PRELUDE (O come Immanuel – arr. R. Haan)

CENTERING PRAYER: Come, people of God. **We come to grow hope in our hearts.**  
Come on this first Sunday of Advent. **We come to begin the journey toward Christmas, a time to find hope for the future.**

Still us and quiet us, as we offer our attention and prayers to you. *(silent prayer)*

WORDS OF GRACE: Hope, peace, joy and love. These are God's gifts to each of us.

**As we walk closer to Bethlehem, may we know these gifts,  
and know that God is with us. Thanks be to God!**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Representatives from the Bible Study group)

PREPARING JESUS' CRADLE/ADVENT HYMN (Cloth for the Cradle – Iona Community)

*The children/youth will come to the ends of the pews to collect your fabric pieces.*

*Each week they will line the crèche with thoughts of Hope, Peace,*

*Love and Joy. While this takes place, we will sing together:*

**Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the child, the child for our every joy and sorrow.  
Find him a shawl that's woven by us all, to welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN: MV158 – Dream a Dream

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 13:24-37 (read by Eleanor MacDougall)

ANTHEM: "Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding"

MESSAGE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Sleepers, Wake – arr. P. Manz)

\*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE: **Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts  
around him, yet oxen they gave him their hay, and Jesus in beauty accepted their  
duty; contented in manger he lay. Then haste we to show him the praises we owe  
him; our service he ne'er can despise; whose love still is able to show us that  
stable, where softly in manger he lies.** (VU68, verse 1, lines 4-7 – OLWEN)

### Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION: Come, people of God, to the table of Hope!

**Our hope is in God, who made heaven and earth!**

Come, people of God, to the table of peace.

**Christ is our peace, and healing for the nations!**

Come, people of God, to the table of life.

**The Spirit will feed us and encourage new ways in the future!**

COMMUNION HYMN: VU469 – We Gather Here (vs 1 & 3)

CALL TO GIVE THANKS/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: ...raise our hearts to you and  
everything that lives, we announce your endless glory, as we sing:

SONG OF CREATION (Steve Bell – choir to lead singing)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. REPEAT**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE/GIVING THANKS

We remember that he came to us humbly. **He put aside the glory that was his.**

We remember that he declared Your favour. **He taught us to welcome Your mercy.**

We remember that he resisted evil, loved well, and turned no one away.

**He did Your will, and trusted Your love.**

We remember Jesus Christ, who is, who was, and who is to come.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

SHARING THE FEAST

WE GIVE THANKS – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us give thanks for all the goodness we have received.

**Thank you, Holy God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,  
for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,  
for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,  
for the splendors of creation and for the mission of justice you have made our  
own. Give us the fruits of this Holy Communion: oneness of heart,  
love for neighbours, forgiveness of those who have wronged us, the will to serve  
you every day and life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: VU25 – Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION: **Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life  
to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east: Love the Lord is on the way.** (VU9 – BESANCON)

POSTLUDE (Veni Emmanuel – arr. N. Rawsthorne)



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](http://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.

Thank you to our candle lighters today, Elliott and Quinn Ledlow and representatives from the Bible Study Interest Group.

### Sunday School Announcement

Readers, shepherds, wise ones, angels, and a Mary and Joseph are needed for the Family Christmas Eve Service at 6:30. Contact Rev. Karen Lumley or Jan Demeduk to sign up.

### 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!

### 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.

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### TODAY'S ANTHEM

"Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding"

Text: Saloman Franck, freely translated by Phyllis James  
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach, arranged by Stanley Roper

Flocks in pastures green abiding,  
Safely with their shepherd rest,  
Cooled by waters gently gliding.

With the food of life he feeds them,  
To the fold he gently leads them  
There to dwell forever blest.

### The Anthem this week

This familiar music comes from Bach's Cantata No. 208, which is actually secular, having been composed in 1713 as a birthday gift from Bach to the Duke of a neighbouring duchy, Saxe Weissenfels, while Bach was the court musician in Weimar. The Duke loved the sport of hunting, and the flattering text associates hunting with good government!

The ninth movement, *Schafe können sicher weiden* (Safely can sheep graze) has become well known in Christian church music, with the meaning altered to suggest that Christ, the Good Shepherd, carefully looks after his earthly flock. Originally a soprano aria, it has been skillfully arranged as a choral piece by Stanley Roper (No! he didn't also appear in "Three's Company"!), to another text adaptation by Phyllis James.



**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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can make a gift of non-registered stocks, mutual funds or bonds listed on a public stock exchange to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, receive a charitable tax receipt for the full market value of the securities at the close of the markets on the day they are received and pay no income tax on the capital gain?

For more information, contact Bill Craddock, Treasurer, at 204-488-1130 or email him at [wjcdlc@mts.net](mailto:wjcdlc@mts.net).



Let us remember the gifts we have received from God, and in our turn become God's giving hands in this world.

### REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

#### Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

#### Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### COMING UP...

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – Advent I

Communion Sunday  
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

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

Choir rehearsal @ 1-4pm

Rental – Elizabeth Rotoff  
Sanctuary @ 7pm



**Wreaths and Swags:** With Christmas quickly approaching, the Senior Youth are once again selling wreaths and swags door to door in the neighbourhood. Thank you for helping to support our Scholarship Fund. Contact Stu Roche at 204-487-1436.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

**Important Reminder: Memory Tree forms due! Forms can be found in the Narthex or from the church office.**

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Rental – Rainbow Harmony Project  
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 Project  
Presents "Sing and Be Brave"  
Sanctuary @ 7:30pm  
(Tickets available online, McNally Robinsons, The Happy Cooker and at the door.)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – Advent II



Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am  
Handbell Choir playing during worship



**Memory Tree:** 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.**

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Rental – Kelvin High School  
Sanctuary @ 6-9pm



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

RHS (auditorium) @ 4-6pm

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – Advent III

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

Recital (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Service Team meeting @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21



Basement Bookstore  
10am – 5pm

Parkway @ 10:30am (Cathy)  
Sr. Housing Worship Service

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

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning worship @ 10:30am

#### Christmas Eve Services:

Family Service @ 6:30pm  
Candlelight Communion @ 8:30pm  
Lessons & Carols (senior choir) @ 10pm

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Rental – Irene Marks (auditorium) 1-5pm

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Morning worship @ 10:30am

Rental – wedding (sanctuary) @ 2pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4



Basement Bookstore  
10am – 5pm

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

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Baptism Sunday  
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9



Centering Prayer  
Lounge @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11



Basement Bookstore  
10am – 5pm

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

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12



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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13



Messy Church  
Auditorium from 5-7pm

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am  
Recital (sanctuary) @ 12pm

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Service Team meeting @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18



Basement Bookstore  
10am – 5pm

Parkway @ 10:30am (Karen)  
Sr. Housing Worship Service

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm  
Choir Annual Meeting (auditorium)

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19



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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20



Guatemala Youth – Spaghetti  
Supper @ 5:30pm \*\*Tickets on sale after Christmas\*\*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

#### FEBRUARY

**February 4:** AGM reports distributed  
**February 10:** Messy Church  
**February 11:** Soup & Sandwich & ABC Bake Sale  
**February 13:** Pancake Supper & Carnival  
**February 25:** AGM & Luncheon

#### MARCH

**March 4:** Baptism Sunday  
**March 9 & 10:** Annual Choir Show  
**March 17:** Messy Church @ 5pm  
**March 18:** Soup & Sandwich

### Outreach

Our **Knitting Tree** (the old Mitten Tree), is in need of hand knit scarves, neck warmers and toques! There is some free wool here for giveaway this Sunday at the back of the church. Help yourself. We are also asking that any mitts donated be new and waterproof.

**Gifts for the Christmas Store** for St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry must be at the church by Tuesday, December 12 @ 10am. Let's build our own Toy Mountain. Volunteers are also needed to set up on December 11 and to wrap on December 12. Contact: [volunteers@stmatthewsmaryland.ca](mailto:volunteers@stmatthewsmaryland.ca).

**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/>.

**Advent Christmas Challenge – an Advent of Gratitude:** Anyone can participate and donate money to any cause they believe in. I will be donating to 1JustCity, which is a cause I believe in strongly. Our Community Ministries include Northend Stella, Oak Table, West Broadway and St. Matthew's Maryland. You can choose to donate to any of these ministries or another of your choice. You will find the Advent of Gratitude sheet in the Narthex, as well as on our website. We hope you accept the challenge! ~ Karen

