



ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

We wait and watch for Jesus' birth in the weeks of Advent.
With Christ's arrival comes peace and justice for all.

SKIT: Peace & Goodwill for All (Fred Cross, Susanne Reimer, Chris Donlevy & Izzy Dyck)

*OPENING HYMN: VU10 – Prepare the Way of the Lord

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE (The Sleep of the Child Jesus – arr. Barbara B. Linton)

CENTERING PRAYER

God of advent, as we await your coming, we wait hoping for peace and justice for all.
We come as participants in this advent journey, a journey toward Christmas.

WORDS OF GRACE

We gather in hope and peace waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (The Outreach 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.**

(Children leave for Sunday School)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:1-18 (read by Josh Ward)

ANTHEM: Music from "Messiah"

*Text: Isaiah 40: 1-5; Music: G. F. Handel
 Soloist: Chris Donlevy, tenor*

Recitative: Comfort Ye, My People (Isaiah 40: 1-3)

Comfort ye, my people, saith your God.
 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
 that her warfare is accomplish'd, and her iniquity is pardon'd.
 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert
 a highway for our God.

Aria: Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted (Isaiah 40:4)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted,
 and ev'ry mountain and hill made low;
 the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Chorus: And the Glory of the Lord (Isaiah 40:5)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 and all flesh shall see it together;
 for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

MINUTE FOR AFFIRMING – Rita Swan

MESSAGE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Kings of Orient – arr. Dan R. Edwards)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU916 – Paraphrase)

*CLOSING HYMN: VU 5 – All Earth is Waiting

*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 (In the Bleak Midwinter – arr. Martha Lynn Thompson)



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.

Thank you to all our candle lighters this Sunday, Olivia Demeduk, Emily Parks and members of the Outreach Group.

Sunday School Announcements

Sunday School children will be caroling on Sunday, December 17, 2018. Please come to church dressed warm.

WOW! Participants in the children's Christmas Eve pageant will be practicing on Sunday, December 17 after church with the microphones. All children can participate in the Christmas Eve pageant as shepherds, angels, or any of the animals. Costumes are available from the church.

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

This sequence of music comes from the opening section of Part 1 of Handel's "Messiah". The prophet Isaiah is speaking to the Israelites in the latter part of their captivity in Babylon and there are several instances in the Book of Isaiah, of which this is the best known, where he exhorts the Israelites to be comforted. He wishes to assure them that happier times will soon happen. Biblical commentators have interpreted these five verses as being a clear prophecy of the coming of Jesus Christ, hence its place in the lectionary for Advent, and its prominent place in "Messiah".



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.



Stewards trust that God will replenish what has been given freely, and so dare to be wellsprings for others.

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – Advent II

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



Memory Tree: Tonight there will be 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.

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

Pageant rehearsal @ 11:45am

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 – All welcome!
Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Morning worship @ 10:30am
Christmas Pageant @ 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) @ 4pm

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

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

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 @ 5-7pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Guatemala Fundraiser
Spaghetti Supper
Auditorium @ 5:30pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 2pm
Centering Prayer
Lounge @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) @ 2pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Communion Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Wedding (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm
Messy Church (auditorium) @ 5-7pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Soup & Sandwich and ABC Valentine Bake Sale (auditorium) @ 11:45am
Rental - Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm
Gilbert & Sullivan (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Pancake Supper (auditorium) @ 5pm
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

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.

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

