

Welcome

St. Andrew's River Heights United ~ February 4, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GREETING: Praise the Lord! **It is good for us to gather to worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN: **VU589** – Lord, Speak to Me

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – PRELUDE (Vesper Voluntary – E. Elgar)
Candle lighter: George-Antony Shariff

CENTERING PRAYER: **The Holy One renews us with strength, and fills our hearts with peace. Our mighty God opens our hands to share love with the world. Let our lips proclaim God's praises and amazing deeds.**

WORDS OF GRACE: Brothers and sisters, God is pleased when we hope in God's steadfast love. **Then let us place our hope in the Lord.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:29-39 (read by Diane Bewell)

ANTHEM: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Text – VU670)

MESSAGE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Flute Solo – T. Arne)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE: **Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.** (VU540)

Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION: May God come fully into our lives. **May this be so.**

Let us offer our lives for transformation. **In hope and joy, we do so.**

In thanksgiving, let us celebrate Christ in our midst.

We welcome the Christ who lives within and between us.

COMMUNION HYMN: **VU480** – Let Us Break Bread together

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WE GIVE THANKS – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks, God, that you refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit through Jesus Christ. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

*CLOSING HYMN: **VU670** – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **When you walk from here, when you walk from here, walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care. (VU298)

POSTLUDE (Allegro from Suite in D – J. Stanley)

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. mctara@shaw.ca

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE

Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie. 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! mckenzieqrst@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

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'. 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



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.

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.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!



TODAY'S ANTHEM

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Words and Music: Thomas A. Dorsey; arranged by Jack Schrader

The writer of "Precious Lord, take my hand" Thomas A. Dorsey should not be confused with band leader and trombonist, Tommy Dorsey, the "sentimental gentleman of swing". Reverend Thomas Dorsey (1899 – 1993) was known as "The Father of Black Gospel Music", incorporating Jazz rhythms and blues stylings in his compositions.

The melody of "Precious Lord" was adapted by Dorsey from an 1844 hymn tune "Maitland". He wrote the hymn in response to his inconsolable bereavement at the death of his wife, Nettie Harper, in childbirth, and his infant son in 1932. It has become a great favorite in many denominations, and has been recorded by many artists, including Mahalia Jackson and Leontine Price.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2017 annual report is available for viewing as of today. You can either pick up a hard-copy in the narthex or view it on our website, under publications. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 25, 2018** following the worship service.

ST ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

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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.



As stewards of the gospel, our rewards are in receiving its blessings.

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Communion Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rental – G&S (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

Wear red for this Valentine's themed event.
RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/messy-church-registration-42238005010>

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Soup & Sandwich (auditorium) @ 11:45am



Do you have a sweet tooth? The Anna Blair Circle can help! On Sunday, February 11 following worship in the auditorium, ABC will be hosting a Valentine Bake Sale. We need your help—all donations of baking are gratefully received on that same day prior to worship. All buyers of the delicious baking are welcomed after church in the Auditorium.

Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm
Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Dinner is Tuesday, February 13. Dinner starts at 5:00pm and will be followed by a carnival at 6pm and a short Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45pm. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Come and bring the whole family, only \$5.00 per person! **Volunteers Needed:** Sign-up to bake a cake for a prize in the Cake Walk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

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

Poseidon @ 2pm (Cathy)
Personal Care Home Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19—STAT

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Service Team Meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
AGM & Luncheon following worship
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

Interfaith Lenten Series 2018: This series will run from February 26 to March 26 at Westworth United Church from 7-9pm and is designed to help participants better understand practices and beliefs of Buddhism in dialogue with Christianity. For more info, please take the handout found in the Narthex.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 2pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Baptism Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

Choir rehearsal following worship

Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Book Club @ 1:30pm in the church lounge. Our book this time is A Large Harmonium, written by Winnipeg author Sue Sorenson. Copies of the book may be available from the library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
♪ Dress rehearsal (auditorium) @ 7pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

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

Choir Show (auditorium) @ 7:30pm
(doors open 30 min prior)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Choir Show (auditorium) @ 1:30pm & 7:30pm
(doors open 30 min prior)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 2pm
Rental – Barchett (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm



St. Andrew's Annual Choir presents "We'll Meet Again" March 9 & 10, 2018

People have often wondered why war produces great art! Our show this year will try to demonstrate this oft-held theory, by presenting songs from the two World Wars of the 20th century. Some are cheerful and optimistic - "Pack up your troubles", "Boogie woogie bugle boy"; many are sad and regretful - "Roses of Picardy", "The bells of St Mary's". Others are goofy - "Oh! How I hate to get up in the morning", "Mairzy doats", and many are memorable and set to gorgeous tunes - "If you were the only girl in the world", "There'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover". These are but a few of the great songs that this year's St. Andrew's choir will present in their tenth annual "show". There are three performances this year - Friday, March 9 @ 7:30pm, Saturday, March 10 @ 1:30pm and 7:30pm. (Doors open half hour prior.) Tickets are \$20 with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch provided. Wine and beer will also be available by the glass.

NEW procedures for ticket sales this year!! Starting this year, you will have the following three options for purchasing your tickets:

1. Tickets will be available in person through the church office Monday – Friday between 9-3pm.
2. If you prefer to pick up your tickets on Sunday morning in the Narthex, you must **pre-order your tickets** the week prior through the church office by calling 204-488-1130 or emailing the church office. Your tickets will be ready the Sunday following your pre-order, all you have to do is bring your money and we'll hand you an envelope with your tickets.
3. We have also added the ability to purchase your choir show tickets online through Eventbrite.ca. Once we receive your online order, you will be assigned a table based on the best seating available at that time. If you have a location preference (front/back or off to the side), please contact the church office and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Your tickets and assigned seating will be sent by email.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/well-meet-again-tickets-40944962485>.

**Don't delay... buy your tickets now!
Come and listen, reminisce, and sing along
with us when "We'll meet again"!**

