

Welcome

ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING: Through these winter months, we've been walking in the light of Christ.

We are children of God, followers of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Next week, the light of our faith will guide us into the gathering shadows of Lent.

In thankfulness for the light and love of God, let's worship now!

*OPENING HYMN: **VU104** – We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – Prelude (Theme in B flat – F. Mendelssohn)

CENTERING PRAYER: Let us pray. Holy God, we thank you for the ways you brighten our lives: **from the beams of your wisdom that shine from scripture and prayer,**

to the occasional mountaintop experiences where we bask in your glory. **In the sparkle of care in a loved ones' eyes, to the bright smile of greeting from a stranger.** Help us to listen and watch for transforming moments you give to us, as we offer our prayers of concern, celebration or confession. *(silent reflection)*

WORDS OF GRACE: As you listen and watch, as you know God with you, pardon and peace are yours. **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN: **VU82** – A Light Is Gleaming

CHILDREN'S TIME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (read by Karen Jensen)

ANTHEM: From "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn (see words below)

Chorus – "Then Did Elijah"

Aria – "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" (Chris Donlevy, tenor)

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:2-9 (read by Karen Jensen)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: **VU629** – Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Andante tranquillo (3rd Organ Sonata) – F. Mendelssohn)

*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)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: **VU633** – Bless Now, O God, the Journey

*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 maestoso (2nd Organ Sonata) – F. Mendelssohn)

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. 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!

Thanks to Ciara, Mya Oliver-Travers, and Xander Delaronde for lighting the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle today.

ANTHEM

From "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn

Chorus – "Then Did Elijah"

Then did Elijah the prophet break forth like a fire; his words appeared like burning torches.

Mighty kings by him were overthrown He stood on the mount of Sinai, and heard the judgements of the future, and in Horeb its vengeance.

And when the Lord would take him away to heaven, Lo! There came a fiery chariot with fiery, fiery horses; and he went by a whirlwind to heaven.

Aria – "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" (Chris Donlevy, tenor)

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly father's realm (Matthew 13: 43)

The Anthem this week

The oratorio "Elijah" was first performed, in Birmingham, England in 1846. The dramatic text largely from the second book of Kings provides an equally dramatic treatment from composer, Felix Mendelssohn. No wonder, music critic, H.T. Parker, described it as "hopelessly, awfully, irremediably mid-Victorian". However, it has been performed countless times since then; Mendelssohn was able to do full justice to the dramatic events which characterized Elijah's life. The text of the tenor aria which follows the chorus comes from the gospel of Matthew, a New Testament commentary on Elijah's transfiguration.

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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.



Stewards of the gospel are transfigured through Christ's light shining out of the darkness

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am
Soup & Sandwich (auditorium) @ 11:45am
Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm
Parkway @ 10:30am (Karen)
Sr. Housing Worship Service
Wellington @ 10:30am (Cathy)
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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 2pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

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 (lounge)
Contact Ruth McKenzie for more information.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Choir Show (auditorium) @ 1:30pm & 7:30pm

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

ABC (lounge) @ 6:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

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



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"!**



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.

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.



Companions in Christ – The Way of Forgiveness: Beginning Wednesday, February 28 (7:15-9:15pm) through April 25 - a 9 week small group experience in spiritual formation will take place. We will explore themes such as:

- Living in God's Blessing,
- Releasing Shame and Guilt,
- Facing Anger/ Transforming Anger,
- Receiving God's Forgiveness, Forgiving Others, Seeking Reconciliation, and
- Becoming the Beloved Community.

Please speak to Rev. Cathy if you are interested in taking part.

Wanted: Old pictures with family members in uniform. The choir would like to incorporate these photographs into our concert on March 9 and 10. Please put them in a sealed envelope with your full name and address on the envelope. We will make copies and return the original to you. Please drop the envelope off in the church office or place them in the offering plate by February 25, 2018. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the concert, We'll Meet Again!

Observer Subscriptions: If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Observer, please contact the church office by Monday, March 12, 2018. Please make your cheque for \$25.00 payable to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church.

2018 Bridge Luncheon: The annual Bridge Party and Luncheon is on Monday, April 30, 2018 from 11:30am—3:30pm in the church auditorium. To reserve your tickets, contact Connie Blamey at 204-488-8876.

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](http://www.standrewriverheights.com), under publications. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 25, 2018** following the worship service.

