

L E N T

February 25, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING: The journey of Christ's followers is filled with challenge and uncertainty.

We give thanks for the ways that Christ leads, nurtures and lifts us.

Let us share in the hope of Christ and love of God, as we worship today.

*OPENING HYMN: **VU601** – The Church of Christ in Every Age

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - PRELUDE (Priere - L. Boellmann)

CENTERING PRAYER: God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know our discipleship is weak. **We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking Your vision and future for our lives. We come now in prayer, centered on You, trusting Your faithful ways to encourage us to take up the life You offer, through the cross of Christ.** (silent reflection)

WORD'S OF GRACE: **God forgives and fills us with hope to live in relationship with God and one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN: **VU634** – To Abraham and Sarah

LENTEN TENEBRAE (Psalm 22:1a)

SOLO: "Save the People" (Words/Music: Stephen Schwartz; Soloist: Josh Bellan)

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (read by Fred Cross)

ANTHEM: "O Love" (Text: George Matheson; Music: Elaine Hagenberg)

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:31-38 (read by Fred Cross)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: **VU561** – Take Up Your Cross

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Offertoire - L. Boellmann)

*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)

3 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: **VU120** – O Jesus, I Have Promised

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION: **God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.** (VU423)

POSTLUDE (Menuet - L. Boellmann)

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!



ANTHEM

"O Love"

Text: George Matheson; Music: Elaine Hagenberg

The text is verses 1 and 3 of the much loved hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" in Voices United #658.

The Anthem this Week

We sang this anthem in September, and it seemed to fit today's text. Composed in 2016, this version by American composer, Elaine Hagenberg, is a fresh treatment of a text by Scottish minister George Matheson. As was related in the September bulletin, Reverend Matheson tells the story that he wrote the text of the hymn on the evening before the wedding of his sister. While at University in Glasgow, he had fallen in love and planned to marry a fellow student. Tragically, he began to go blind, and his fiancée decided she didn't want to marry a blind man! Consequently, the impending marriage of his sister caused the rebuff to come flooding back to him, and the text of the hymn was the result of his painful anguish. Somehow the theme of the text, the joy and redemption that evolves through suffering, transformed his life and, with great determination, he became a church minister.

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.



Dominion belongs to God. To us is given the blessing and privilege of being good stewards of God's dominion.

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

- Monday
Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm
- Wednesday
Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Companions in Christ (chapel) @ 7:15pm

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Choir rehearsal (sanctuary)

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Baptism Sunday
Sanctuary @ 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 2pm



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!

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 info.
Companions in Christ (chapel) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

M&P Meeting (lounge) @ 9am
 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

Intergenerational Worship
Sanctuary @ 10:30am

Rental – G&S (auditorium) 2pm

Rental – Barchett recital (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
Companions in Christ (chapel) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day Messy Church
Auditorium @ 5-7pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

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.

WANTED: Do you have an extra, sturdy card table? St. Andrew's could make use of a few more tables for various events such as the Bridge Luncheon, the annual Choir show, etc. If you have such a card table and would be willing to donate it, please call Joan Stevenson @ 204-488-1786 or leave a message with Andrea in the office.

Lenten Challenge: Pick up a copy of the 1Just City Lenten Challenge in the narthex. When the challenge is done, donate your total at www.1justcity.ca.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 2pm
Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 2pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Affirming (lounge) @ 6pm
Companions in Christ (chapel) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 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"!**

