

Welcome



ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC (Lenten Bells - arr. Barbara B. Kinyon)

GREETING: God be with you! **And also with you!**

*OPENING HYMN: **VU112** – O God, How We Have Wandered

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - PRELUDE (Meditation - Michael Helman)

CENTERING PRAYER: Thank you that you meet us here, Creator who rested on Sabbath, Son who wrestled in the wilderness and Spirit, who comes among us now. Inspire, refresh and guide us. We come to rest in your presence.
(silent reflection – a time for gratitude, confession or reflection)

WORD'S OF GRACE: For all that we share with God in thought and prayer, **we know we are heard, healed and set free to begin life anew. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN: **VU455** – This Child of Ours

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (see purple insert)

LENTEN TENEBRAE (Psalm 19:1) **You, God, are the rock upon which we stand firm. Your forgiveness is sweeter than drippings from the honeycomb. We give thanks this day for the ever-present love and endless mercy you shower upon us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (read by Hartley Stinson)

ANTHEM: "Turn Back, Turn Back" (Text: Arnold Bax; Music Gustav Holst)
Inclusive language version by Alexa Campbell

SCRIPTURE READING: John 2:13-22 (read by Hartley Stinson)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: **VU364** – Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (There Is A Balm in Gilead - arr. Michael Helman)

*OFFERING SONG 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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN: **VU678** – For the Healing of the Nations

*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 (Ah, Holy Jesus - arr. Susan Ullom Berns)

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! A special thanks to the Handbell Choir for playing for us today.

Thanks to Rosemary and Jasper Lea for lighting the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle today.

ANTHEM

Turn Back, Turn Back

Text: Arnold Bax; Music Gustav Holst

Turn back, turn back, forswear thy foolish ways.
Old now is earth, and none may count earth's days,
Yet thou, Earth's child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim.

Earth might be fair, and all folk glad and wise,
Age after age their tragic empires rise,
Built while they dream and in that dreaming weep:
Would we but wake from out our haunted sleep,
Earth might be fair, and all folk glad and wise.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one;
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky,
Peals forth in joy our old undaunted cry,
"Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

The Anthem this Week

The original poem "Turn back, O man" was written by poet, Arnold Bax in 1919, and set to music by English composer, Gustav Holst.

There are several layers of relevance to our choice of anthem this week. The most compelling reason for the language and urgency of the text was of course the horror of warfare which the world had endured during that decade, and which we are currently commemorating a century later. Our upcoming show will draw from some of the songs created to help people cope with, and in some cases reflect, the trials they faced.

But, there are phrases that shout with meaning in our contemporary world, as demagoguery threatens to overcome it all over the globe, not least, uncomfortably close, in our neighbouring country! People have short memories and ignore history at their peril, as Bax suggests, "age after age, their tragic empires rise", and "would we but wake from out our haunted sleep". Only if we listen to the voice of God, "Earth shall be fair, and all her people one".

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.



Jesus knows that we are all tempted. We are called to respond to temptation as good stewards.

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

Monday

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

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



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.

Anna Blair Circle: We appreciate the generosity of those who baked goodies and those bought baking at their Valentine Bake Sale. A total of \$403 was raised. Thank you for your support!

On Wednesday, March 14 @ 7:30pm, Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud will speak on the work of 1Just City in the church lounge. This event is sponsored by the Anna Blair Circle. Come out and hear about the good work this organization is doing to help people in our city.

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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 Event (lounge) @ 7:30pm
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 - Office Closed today

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Rental – G&S (auditorium) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Presbytery Executive (lounge) @ 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
Memorial Flower forms due!

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Companions in Christ (chapel) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Good Friday Worship @ Westworth United
Watch for more details!

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Easter breakfast (auditorium) @ 9am
watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex
Easter Sunday Service (sanctuary) @ 10:30am



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"!**

