

Welcome

March 11, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING – Ciara Oliver-Travers

This is the Season of Lent. **We open our hearts to God and to one another.**
In the Spirit of Christ, let's take a few moments and greet one another.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE – Mya Oliver-Travers & Sam Dyck

Prelude (Reflection – P. Whitlock)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN: **VU595** – We are Pilgrims (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

GATHERING WORDS – Elliot Ledlow

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
Let those redeemed by God say: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
When we cried out to God in our distress, **God saves us in our hour of need.**
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

PRAYER – Ben Dyck

Let us pray. God of light and love, shine upon your people this day.

Meet us in our brokenness, and heal us.

Take from us our spirit of disobedience, and save us by your grace.

Lead us into your truth that we may live as your children. Amen.

LENTEN TENEBRAE – Izzy Dyck, Ciara Oliver-Travers & Quinn Ledlow

Let us thank God for God's steadfast love of us.

Let us rejoice for the wonderful works God has done for us.

Let us give thanks for the Lenten Road.

*HYMN: **VU266** – Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3: 14-21 (read by Olivia Demeduk)

ANTHEM: "God So Loved the World" (John 3:16-17; Music: John Stainer)

MEDITATION: Labyrinths, Pretzels & Prayers

*HYMN: **VU649** – Walk with Me

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Andante in F – L. Lefebure-Wely)

*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 – Olivia Demeduk & Emily Parks

(Building resilience and hope in indigenous children.)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS: Gracious God, hear our prayers **and in your love, answer.**

PARAPHRASE OF PRAYER OF JESUS (VU pg. 916)

*HYMN: **VU646** – We are Marching

*BLESSING

We are in times of change, God promises to be there with us.

We go out into the world, trusting in God's promises and love.

May our faith be strengthened during this Season of Lent.

May we follow the pathways of truth and justice.

May we truly listen to one another.

May we be inspired to change the world with love. Amen.

*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 (Dialogue sur 'Te Deum' – D. Bedard)



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

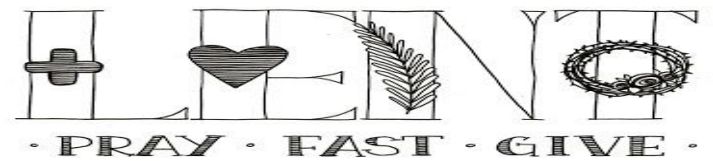
To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

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 Saraya & Charlize Richard for lighting the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle today.

ANTHEM

God So Love the World

Text: John 3: 16-17; Music John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

The Anthem this Week

This verse, from the third chapter of John's gospel, is the central tenet of the Christian faith. This setting, probably the best known and most often performed, comes from the oratorio "The Crucifixion" composed in 1887 by Englishman, John Stainer. It follows a solo, "The majesty of the divine humiliation", and is followed by Jesus's plea, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". Stainer, in true 19th century style, brings out the pathos of the text, and adds to it by requiring the piece to be repeated at a very quiet dynamic. If you happened to google recordings of the piece, you may be able to hear a recording by the 1962 version of the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, conducted by George Guest, in which your choir conductor, one of four basses, unfortunately seems to have been quite close to the microphone!

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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 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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Circles (lounge) @ 6pm

Companions in Christ
Chapel @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Boulton @ 10:30pm (Cathy)

Sr. Housing Worship Service

Poseidan @ 2pm (Cathy)

Personal Care Home Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Quiz Night (auditorium) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Circles (lounge) @ 6pm

Companions in Christ
Chapel @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Messy Church
Auditorium @ 5-7pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

Affirming Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Service Team (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Circles (lounge) @ 6pm

Affirming Meeting (vestry) @ 6pm

Companions in Christ
Chapel @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

Parkway @ 10:30am (Cathy)

Sr. Housing Worship Service

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Recital (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

Soup & Sandwich & Goods & Services Auction

Auditorium @ 11:45am

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Pres. Exec. Meeting (lounge) @ 2pm

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Caring Community (lounge) @ 1pm

Circles (lounge) @ 6pm

Companions in Christ
Chapel @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Basement Bookstore
10am – 5pm

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

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

Rental – Neufeld recital (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

Recital (sanctuary) @ 12pm

Set-up for Bridge Luncheon (auditorium)

ABC Event: 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.

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.

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.

Quiz Night Fundraiser – April 7, 2018: Reserve the date and get your quiz night team together for a night of fun and games! *What is a Quiz Night?* Quiz Night consists of teams of approximately eight people working together in friendly competition with other teams. In order to win, team members must work together, relying on each other's skills, knowledge, and ability to recall useless information! Ticket info to follow soon!

Good & Services Auction is coming back! On Sunday, April 22, 2018 after worship, come for a youth soup & sandwich lunch and stay for the auction. Watch for the sign-up sheet at the end of March in the Narthex. Some goods & service ideas to contribute for the auction — lessons to help someone use their computer, Facebook, or smartphone; dinner for 6 at your home, shovel snow or rake a lawn; house sit for a week; crochet or knitting lessons; 3 days stay in your cottage, etc. Due to limited storage space at St. Andrew's, please do not deliver any goods until the week before the auction. Thank you!

