*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC (Lenten Bells – arr. Barbara Kinyon)

GREETING: The time is coming. Time for love, time for hope, time for prayer and time for worship. Come, it is time to worship.

*OPENING HYMN: VU330 - Jesus Shall Reign

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - PRELUDE (Meditation – Michael Helmen)

CENTERING PRAYER: Have mercy on us, loving God.

WORD'S OF GRACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Congregational response: As your brothers and sisters in the community of faith, we welcome you. We rejoice in the gifts you bring.

We pledge to you our friendship and our support. With God's help, we will, together, live out the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's River Heights **United Church.**

LENTEN TENEBRAE: God's promise to us is a clean heart, and a new spirit, and because of this, we will rejoice in the presence of the holy; and dance in the light of God's forgiveness. Amen.

ANTHEM: "In Whom I Trust" (Text: Based on Psalm 91; Music: Mark Shepperd) Flute soloist: Charmaine Bacon

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12: 20-33 (read by Marlon Goolcharan)

MESSAGE

*HYMN: **VU581** – When We Are Living

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (There is a Balm in Gilead – arr. Michael Helman)

*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)

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*CLOSING HYMN: VU186 - Now the Green Blade Rises

*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/lifework/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! mckenziegrst@shaw.ca



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 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 Jamie Mainprize for lighting the Christ Candle & Affirming Candle today.

ANTHEM

In Whom I Trust

Text: Based on Psalm 91; Music: Mark Shepperd Flute soloist: Charmaine Bacon

Refrain:

All who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, all who dwell in the shadow of our God will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

He will deliver you if you make the Lord your dwelling. No harm will come to you if you make the Lord your refuge. Refrain

Angels shall guard your way by the power of his holy hand. Your foot shall strike no stone by his glorious command. Refrain

Because you love the Lord and give him adoration, Then he shall rescue you and show you his salvation.

Refrain

The Anthem this Week

The theme of the service this week is "Finding joy in God's way", and stressing the importance of trusting in God's love by following Jesus. The text of the anthem, although based on an Old Testament psalm reinforces this message. Composer Mark Shepperd is a choral conductor and organist in Woodbury, Minnesota, who has also written many choral and instrumental works for worship.

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 nonregistered 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 pray for a new and right spirit within, and serve by following Jesus.

REGULAR WEEKLY RENTALS

<u>Monday</u>

Good Evening Group (lounge) @ 7pm

Wednesday

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

COMING UP...

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

□ 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

Misercordia Service @ 10:30am Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28



Companions in Christ Chapel @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 29



Basement Bookstore

10am - 5pm

□ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Good Friday Worship @ Westworth United Watch for more details!

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Easter Breakfast (auditorium) @ 9am 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

□ 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

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm Circles (lounge) @ 6pm



Companions in Christ Chapel @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 12



Basement Bookstore 10am - 5pm

□ 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

Rental - Bacon Recital (sanctuary) @ 7pm

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

□ 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

Misercordia Service @ 10:30am 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

□ 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)

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Bridge Luncheon (auditorium) @ 11:30am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Circles (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, MAY 3



Basement Bookstore 10am - 5pm

□ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MAY 4



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

SATURDAY, MAY 5

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Westworth Council Retreat Auditorium – All Day

Church Picnic (school yard) @ 10:30am Rental – MRMTA (2nd piano moved in) Sanctuary, lounge & small kitchen – All Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Easter Breakfast: Tired of rushing around on Easter Sunday morning, trying to get the Easter eggs gathered, the family members dressed for church and getting breakfast ready? On Sunday, April 1, 2018, let us make breakfast for you! Breakfast will consist of a scrambled egg dish, ham, and hot cross buns. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 9:45am, and will be \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, please sign-up if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Memorial Flowers: If you would like your 'In Memoriam' to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please forward the yellow form and your donation to the church office no later than Monday, March 26, 2018. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms are located in the narthex or from the church office.

Yes, Virginia, there really is going to be a **Goods** and Service Auction on Sunday, April 22, following the Soup & Sandwich Lunch. You can get involved by donating an item or a 'service', then plan to stay for about an hour after lunch to do some bidding. Enjoy the fun that comes with the excitement & tension of auctions!! Sign-up <u>sheet</u> coming soon. Contact Joan Stevenson 204-488-1786 for more info.

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

Are you new to St. Andrew's? Please contact the office at office@standrewsriverheights.com or 204-488-1130 to make sure we have your correct mailing address, phone number, and email address. If you would like to know what's happening around St. Andrew's, you can also sign up for our weekly newsletter through our website at www.standrewsriverheights.com.

