



# WELCOME

Sunday, April 8, 2018



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, including interest based groups, social activities, or justice orientated opportunities. You can also find more detailed information on our website or by signing up for our weekly newsletter at [www.standrewsriverheights.com](http://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.

**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.

## 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. *Tara - [mctara@shaw.ca](mailto: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! *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com*
- BOOK CLUB:** We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! *Ruth - [mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)*
- CARING COMMUNITY:** We oversee pastoral care in collaboration with the ministry staff. *Ardelia - [abburrow@shaw.ca](mailto:abburrow@shaw.ca)*
- CENTERING PRAYER:** A form of Christian meditation based on an ancient practice of prayer. Newcomers welcome - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month in the lounge. *clark\_brownlee@mts.net*
- CIRCLE OF CARE:** Lay pastoral care-giving and ministry for all ages and stages of the congregation. *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com*
- GUATEMALA:** Senior youth, ages 14 & older, are eligible for our biennial mission trip to Guatemala. *klumley@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'. *Nancy - [neh@mts.net](mailto:neh@mts.net)*
- PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS:** Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Teachers are always needed. Contact Karen Lumley to volunteer @ *klumley@standrewsriverheights.com* or 204-488-1130.
- 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](mailto:dmorphy1@mts.net)*  
*Handbell Choir - [carolynlutes@gmail.com](mailto:carolynlutes@gmail.com)*
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea, and the Circle of Care interest groups. If you are interested, email the church office at [volunteer@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:volunteer@standrewsriverheights.com).



**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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

\*please stand or sit in the spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - PRELUDE (Jesus, stand among us—arr. P. Hurford)

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN: **VU582**—There's a Spirit in the Air

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Almighty god, on Easter morning You broke the power of death and freed us from the grip of the grave.  
As we celebrate this great gift, may we also make it a model for our living.

**All: Help us to release ourselves from the things in our lives that should rightly die.  
Help us to free the world from the powers that bind and kill.  
Resurrect in our hearts faith, hope and love, and make us agents of these, your Easter gifts.  
Amen.**

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: "God Is My Shepherd"

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:32-35 (read by Ruth Mckenzie)

ANTHEM: "We Walk By Faith" (Flute Solo: Charmaine Bacon)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31 (read by Ruth Mckenzie)

\*HYMN: **VU396**—Jesus, Stand among Us

MESSAGE

\*HYMN: **VU185**—You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Now the green blade rises—Charmaine Bacon, flute)

\*OFFERING SONG RESPONSE: **All is giv'n for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!  
All depends upon our glorious God. Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!  
All is giv'n for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!** (MV34)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: **VU169**—Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION: **We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out from strength to strength go on; we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go. We'll sing our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.** (VU586 – vs 1, part 1 & vs 2, part 2)

POSTLUDE (Good Christians all, rejoice and sing—arr. G. Hesterman and H. Willan)

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped  
with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

A special thank you to Ben Dyck for lighting the candles today.

## **SOLO**

### **“God Is My Shepherd”**

From Antonín Dvořák's *Biblical Songs*

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.  
My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!  
My fainting soul doth He restore,  
And guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name.  
And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander,  
my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still;  
Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

## **ANTHEM**

### **“We Walk By Faith”**

*Text: Henry Alford; Music: Michael Helman; Flute solo: Charmaine Bacon*

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near.  
O Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
“My peace be with you here”  
  
We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
But in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, “My Lord and God”.  
  
Yes, we believe that Christ is risen,  
and sing our joyful alleluias!  
We glorify the Lord with harp and flute,  
the ringing bells sound forth your praise.  
  
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,  
and fill our lives with grace.  
That when our life of faith is done,  
we'll see you face to face.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **The Anthem this Week**

The text of “We walk by faith” which is especially suitable for the Sunday after Easter when we hear stories of disciples incredulity of Jesus's resurrection. The text was written by 19<sup>th</sup> century scholar and hymn writer, Henry Alford, whose best known hymn is probably “Come ye thankful people, come”. Published in 2000, this bright setting of the words was written by American composer, Michael Helman.

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### **A note from the Ministry and Personnel Committee**

For her own well-being, Rev. Cathy Kinsman has requested a change in pastoral relationship. With regret, the Service Team has accepted her request. Cathy's last day at St. Andrew's was March 13, 2018. If anyone would like to send a card to Cathy, please bring it to the church and we will make sure she receives it.

#### **Next Sunday:**

Sunday, April 15 is our  
Affirming Anniversary!  
Worship will be in the sanctuary  
at 10:30am.

#### **ST ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST**

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Service Team Lead	Paul Webster	paulwebster@shaw.ca

**YOUR GIFTS MATTER.**

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms.



As stewards of God's abundance today, what is our reaction to the response of the early church in meeting the needs of all?

**COMING UP...**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am  
Rev. Noelle Bowles preaching

**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10**

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

**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

The Three B's

(Bach, Beethoven & Brahms)

Sanctuary @ 7pm – Tickets (\$10) available at the door or in-person from the church office. Proceeds to go towards St. Andrew's.

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Parkway @ 10:30am

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

Rev. Peter Denton preaching

Soup & Sandwich/Goods & Services

Auction (auditorium) @ 11:45am

**MONDAY, APRIL 23**

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

Misericordia Service @ 10:30am

Pres. Exec. Meeting (lounge) @ 2pm

Centering Prayer (chapel) @ 7pm

Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

Caring Community (lounge) @ 1pm

Affirming Meeting (lounge) @ 6pm

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

**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 (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

Rev. Dr. Lt. (N) Lesley Fox preaching

Choir Recital (sanctuary) @ 12pm

Set-up for Bridge Luncheon (auditorium)

**MONDAY, APRIL 30**

Bridge Luncheon @ 11:30am

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

**THURSDAY, MAY 3**

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

♪ Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

**FRIDAY, MAY 4**

Bible Study – All welcome!

Lounge @ 9:15-10:45am

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

Church Picnic (school) @ 10:30am

Rental – MRMTA Sanctuary, lounge & small kitchen (2<sup>nd</sup> piano moved in on Friday, May 4 and picked up on Monday, May 7)

**MONDAY, MAY 7**

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**



**What's on the AUCTION BLOCK?**

Homemade Tourtiere, Water Taxi ride & Lunch, Poolside lunch under Grape Arbour, Photography by Jamie, Pure Mohair Blanket (new), Figurines, Handmade Baby Blanket & receiving blanket, Sunset Gourmet Basket... **We still need** lots more donations - sign up in the narthex, or contact Joan either by email (jstevenson@mts.net ) or phone (204-488-1786), and she will enter your donation offer. Come on out on April 22 and enjoy an auction right here at St. Andrew's following the Soup & Sandwich lunch!

**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](http://www.standrewsriverheights.com).

