

# WELCOME

Sunday, April 22, 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](mailto: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

\*HYMN: **VUVU747**—The Lord's My Shepherd

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - PRELUDE (Christ is made the sure Foundation—arr. A. Gant)

CENTERING PRAYER

WORD'S OF GRACE

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\*HYMN: **MV126**—Are You A Shepherd?

CHILDREN'S TIME

ENSEMBLE: "The 23rd Psalm"

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:5-12 and John 10:11-16 (read by Roger Kane)

ANTHEM: "Christ Is Our Corner-stone"

MESSAGE: "Gifts and Possibilities"

\*HYMN: **VU703**—In the Bulb There Is a Flower

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (The Lord's my Shepherd—arr. Q. Thomas)

\*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (MV34)

**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!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (see VU959)

\*CLOSING HYMN: **VU325**—Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION (VU586 – vs 1, part 1 & vs 2, part 2)

**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.**

POSTLUDE (Postlude - Allegro in B minor—J. G. Walther)

We welcome Rev. Dr. Peter Denton, who transferred into the United Church of Canada in 2001 and has served in congregations in Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. A member of the Selkirk Presbytery, he has taught in the post-secondary system for more than 30 years, focusing on science and technology studies. He is an author, speaker and environmental activist, both locally and globally.

## **ENSEMBLE**

“The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm”

*Music and adaptation by Bobby McFerrin*

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows, beside the still waters, she will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
she anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life, and I will live in her house, forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world, without end. Amen

## **ANTHEM**

“Christ Is Our Corner-stone”

*Text: translated from the Latin by John Chandler; Music: Noel Rawsthorne*

Christ is our corner-stone on him alone we build;  
With his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled;  
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joy above.

Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh;  
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;  
In copious show'r on all who pray each holy day the blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise these hallow'd courts shall ring;  
Our voices will we raise the Three in One to sing;  
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long that glorious name.

## **The Anthem this Week**

The creator of our first anthem this week is Bobby McFerrin, best known for his song, “Don't worry, be happy”. McFerrin has the most extraordinary vocal facility, and has recorded many songs a cappella, not only singing the melody, but also providing the harmony and percussive effects, all with his extremely versatile and flexible voice. He wrote this version of Psalm 23 (the lectionary psalm for today) as a dedication to his mother, hence the substitution of the feminine pronoun throughout the text. In many ways, this gives a completely different complexion to the psalm. The style is an interesting mix of Vocal Jazz and Anglican chant. On a popular YouTube version of the piece, with McFerrin conducting, the singers are all on individual mikes. This morning we will attempt to create acoustically the relaxed, yet profoundly reverent, feel that McFerrin achieved with his ensemble.

“Christ is our corner-stone” was composed by the English organist and composer, Noel Rawsthorne, and published in 1990. Rawsthorne, a favorite of Wes Elias!, has had a distinguished career as organist of the gigantic Anglican cathedral in Liverpool, England. The text, originally in Latin, is from the 8th century.

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

Thank you to Olivia Demeduk for lighting the candles today!

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

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### 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.



Through God's shepherding love, good stewards respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters by loving one another.

### COMING UP...

#### 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) @ 1pm  
M&P Meeting (chapel/lounge) @ 5pm  
Centering Prayer (chapel) @ 7pm  
Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Caring Community (lounge) @ 1pm  
Affirming Meeting (lounge) @ 6pm  
Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm  
Companions (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 (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

#### 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

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8

Centering Prayer (chapel) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, MAY 10

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11

Bible Study – All welcome!

#### SUNDAY, MAY 13

Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am  
Handbells playing  
Student Recital (Wes) @ 1:30pm

#### MONDAY, MAY 14

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, MAY 15

Pres. Exec. Meeting (lounge) @ 2pm  
Service Team meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, MAY 17

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

#### SUNDAY, MAY 20

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, MAY 21—STAT Holiday

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Mark your calendars! Book Club @ 1:30pm. Details to follow.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 27

Conference Sunday—worship to be held at the University of Manitoba. Details to follow.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**Bridge Luncheon:** This annual fundraiser is **Monday, April 30, 2018**, and we need the congregation's help with the following items:

1. Make and donate salads & dainties.
2. Help with set up April 29 and take down April 30
3. Help in the kitchen to prepare food and serving

Sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Thank you very much for helping to make this once again a huge success.

**Church Picnic—Sunday, May 6:** Lug-a-mug, lug-a-lawn chair or blanket and join us for an outside worship in the school yard across the street, followed by games and food. All food is supplied. If weather is not permitting, worship will be in the auditorium.

**2018/2019 Planning Meeting:** The planning meeting for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 year is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30. Please send a representative to the meeting with your fundraising and special event requests. If you are unable to make it, email the church office with your requests prior to the meeting. Thank you!

**Are you new to St. Andrew's?** Please contact the office at 204-488-1130 or [office@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:office@standrewsriverheights.com) 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).

