

Welcome

Sunday, September 23, 2018



It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone, with fall activities fast approaching. Everyone is back to school, holidays are over, and new schedules are emerging, which look to be as busy as ever.

Let's take some time to reflect on the past year, while at the same time anticipate the excitement of a new church year beginning and all of the activities that entails. There is a long list of events, activities and things to be involved in. Sign up and be a part of what is happening here at St. A's.

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*

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE: Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

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*

CARING COMMUNITY: We oversee pastoral care in collaboration with the ministry staff. *Ardelia - abburrow@shaw.ca*

CENTERING PRAYER: A form of Christian meditation based on an ancient practice of prayer. Newcomers welcome - 2nd & 4th 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*

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*
Handbell Choir - 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*.



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

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP—see yellow insert

*HYMN: **VU227**—For the Fruit of All Creation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: Adagio from Organ Concerto #1 in G major (G. F. Handel)

OPENING PRAYER—see yellow insert

SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Listen!

...God whispers hope and possibility!

Behold!

...the image of god sits beside you, and within you!

Start again!

...god has confidence in you.

*HYMN: **VU699**—Homeless People, Will You Listen?

BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS/YOUTH LEADERS

SOLO: “The Heart Worships” (Fred Cross)

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 12: 1-9—Promised Land? (read by Ruth McKenzie)

ANTHEM: “How Great is the Lord”

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU619**—Healer of Our Every Ill

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: Minuet from 'Berenice' (G. F. Handel)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (VU539 vs. 1)

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you, use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew that our whole life is offered to your will.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER (VU916)

*HYMN: **VU297**—All Praise to You

BLESSING

*BENEDICTION (VU963)

**May the grace of Christ attend us, and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us, now and ever. Amen**

(Please feel free to be seated after the Benediction is sung.)

POSTLUDE: Allegro from Organ Concerto #1 in G major (G. F. Handel)

*Liturgy in today's worship is from this summer's General council meeting.
barb janes was Worship Team Coordinator for that meeting.*

*The candle will not be extinguished symbolizing our going out into the world
as the light of Christ for our world.*

SOLO

The Heart Worships
words by Alice Buckton; music by Gustav Holst.

Silence in Heav'n,
Silence on Earth
Silence within!
Thy hush, O Lord,
O'er all the world covers the din.
I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind
And yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind.
Only I need and kneel again
Thy touch to win;
Silence in Heav'n
Silence on Earth
Silence within!

ANTHEM

How Great is the Lord
Text - based on Psalm 48: 1-2, 9-11; Music: Mark Hayes

How great is the Lord! How deserving of praise in the city of God which sits on the holy mountain.
It is high and magnificent, the earth rejoices to see it!
How great is the Lord in the city of our God.

O God we meditate on your unfailing love.
We worship in your temple as angels do above.
Your name, O God deserves our praise even to the ends of the earth.
Let the people of Mount Zion rejoice!
Let all the towns of Judah be glad because of your justice,
Because of your mercy and your loving kindness to every generation.

The Anthem this Week

This energetic and powerful psalm setting is very typical of many of anthems by American composer, Mark Hayes. The declamatory opening section declares the majesty of the Almighty in a fanfare like motif, which is repeated and embellished. There follows, a more meditative section reflecting on the constant love of God, followed by a return to the opening declamatory theme.

ST ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

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

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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.



It is in giving that we receive.
It is in forfeiting our lives for
Jesus' sake that we are
saved.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

~ barb janes preaching

Soup & Sandwich (auditorium)

Renaissance Voices (sanctuary) @ 3pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Pres Exec (board room) @ 1:30pm

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

Rental—G&S AGM (sanctuary) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Golden Chords (sanctuary) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

St. A's Garage Sale @ 4-pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

St. A's Garage Sale @ 9-3pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Worship (chapel) @ 7pm

P&A (lounge) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

~World Wide Communion~

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Office Closed (stat)

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Spirit Path (chapel) @ 3pm

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Winnipeg Boys Choir @ 9-4pm

(Auditorium, Sanctuary & Lounge)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Worship (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

Soup & Sandwich (auditorium)

Judy Oatway (Sanctuary, Auditorium & Lounge) @ 1– 10pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

Renaissance Voices (sanctuary) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Service Team (chapel) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Bible Study: The fall session of our bible study will start on Friday September 21 and end Friday December 14. We will read and study the lectionary together in preparation for Sunday Services. Readings for Sept 21 available outside the office in the mail slot and at the back of the church. All are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's Garage Sale - September 28 & 29:

St. Andrew's is having a garage sale on Friday, September 28 from 4-7pm and Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 9am - 3pm. The storage room in the auditorium has been emptied and is ready for you to deliver your stuff. If you are unable to deliver your stuff or have larger items you would like picked up, please contact the church office by calling 204-488-1130. Items must be clean, sale-able and fully operational – no junk please. Also, no National Geographics, phones, TV's, typewriters, electronics or computers will be accepted. We're looking for lamps, books, small working appliances, silver items, ornaments, linens, treasures, tools, housewares and jewelry. **Volunteers Needed:** We will also need many helpers to sort and price the garage sale items daily between Sept. 24-28, 9am to 4pm, as well as to work the garage sale on Sept. 28 & 29. Sign up sheets will be in Narthex in early September.

Harvest Supper: St. Andrew's Annual Harvest Supper will be held on Sunday, October 21 with two sittings - 4:30pm & 6:30pm. Tickets will go on sale starting Monday, September 17 from the church office or online through Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-andrews-annual-harvest-supper-tickets-49093427764>

Volunteers Needed: It Takes a Congregation to Host a Harvest Supper! We need ten or more people to assist in some specific tasks before the dinner, such as shopping for groceries and picking up and delivering the frozen turkeys. More details as the date draws nearer. If interested, please contact Diane, Joan or Doreen.

