

# Welcome

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Advent is a time to

WAIT! WATCH! WONDER! WAKEN!



Amidst the hustle and bustle of shopping, wrapping, decorating, baking, planning, parties, family gatherings, school celebrations, club wind-ups, Christmas Concerts and eating, we “WAIT!

WATCH! WONDER! and WAKEN!” to the mystery of the season & to the mystery of the Christmas story as it unfolds in the anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child, God’s gift of grace to the world. This is the Advent of our Christ. Come Celebrate God’s gift of love to us all.

## 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 - 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*

**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](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

GATHERING MUSIC (Handbells)

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN: **VU10**—Prepare the Way of the Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS—Paul Webster

ADVENT LITURGY (from Gathering 2018)

One: Wait. Watch. Wonder. Waken. **All: This is the Advent of our Christ!**

One: Wait. Watch. Wonder. Waken. **All: This is the Advent of our God!**

One: And so we watch. **All: And so we watch.**

One: We watch a world that speaks without listening...Is that all we see?

**All: We see a world in which God moves. We see a world embracing love.**

**We see a world dancing with the Spirit. We see a world opening its eyes.**

One: What are you looking for? **All: A baby. A child. The Christ.**

One: How long will you watch? **All: 16 days. 9 months. All our lives.**

One: How will you see? **All: Through hope. Through love. Through each other.**

One: With God? **All: With God's love, filling our lives!**

One: Alleluia. **All: Alleluia. ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

PRAYER

\*ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING/HYMN: **MV20**—God of Still Waiting (vs 1 only)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6 (read by Roger Kane)

ANTHEM: Music from "Messiah" Text: Isaiah 40: 1-5; Music: G. F. Handel ; Soloist: Chris Donlevy, tenor

Recitative: Comfort Ye, My People (Isaiah 40: 1-3)

Comfort ye, my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplish'd, and her iniquity is pardon'd.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.

Aria: Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted (Isaiah 40:4)

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted,  
and ev'ry mountain and hill made low;  
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

Chorus: And the Glory of the Lord (Isaiah 40:5)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

SERMON

\*HYMN: **VU18**—There's a Voice in the Wilderness

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: The Sleep of the Child Jesus—Arr. Barbara B. Kinyon (Handbells)

\*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (VU81 vs 3)

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger crude and bare, so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN: **VU20**—On Jordan’s Bank

BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION (VU97 vs. 3)

**Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night; guide us through the shadows with your gentle light; show us in a manger our redemption’s sign; bring us to a morning where the promise shines.**

POSTLUDE: Pat-A-Pan—Arr. Barbara B. Kinyon (Handbells)

**We welcome Rev. Paul Campbell as our guest preacher today!** Paul has been retired from active ministry for 10+ years. Throughout his 40 years of work, he enjoyed three different congregational appointments, 6 years as a conference minister in Saskatchewan, and then a season at the former Faculty of Theology at the University of Winnipeg. Currently, he enjoys volunteering at Oak Table Ministry and United Church Halfway Homes.

Rev. Lesley Harrison will be preaching Sunday, December 16, 2018.



### The Anthem this Week

This sequence of music comes from the opening section of Part 1 of Handel’s “Messiah”. The prophet Isaiah is speaking to the Israelites in the latter part of their captivity in Babylon and there are several instances in the Book of Isaiah, of which this is the best known, where he exhorts the Israelites to be comforted. He wishes to assure them that happier times will soon happen. Biblical commentators have interpreted these five verses as being a clear prophecy of the coming of Jesus Christ, hence its place in the lectionary for Advent, and its prominent place in “Messiah”.

### Announcements

**The Memory Tree:** Be part of the Memory Tree Tradition at St. Andrew’s this Advent season. Don’t delay—you have one more week to get your forms in! For those who are not familiar with the Memory Tree, memorial lights are sold at a cost of \$10 per light per person. You can purchase as many lights as you like, one light per name, and you can also buy multiple lights for one person. Names of those remembered will be permanently recorded in our Memory Book in the back of the church. Plan to come to a special gathering on December 16, 2018 for an informal reception in the Lounge (255 Oak St. entrance) from 4:00 to 5:00pm. As darkness falls at 5:00pm, the Memory Tree on the Oak Street side of the church will be lit up and will stay continuously lit through the Advent and Christmas season until the New Year. This is very heart-warming to all of us who participate and remember, but it also warms the grounds of St. Andrew’s and the neighbourhood. Most proceeds from the Memory Tree are donated to Jocelyn House Palliative Care Home. **If you would like the names of your loved ones printed in the 2018 Memory Book, forms must be received by 3pm tomorrow Monday, December 10, 2018.** You will find forms in the Narthex, the church office or on <http://standrewsriverheights.com/publications/forms/>.

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

Thank you to our youth group for greeting today, as well as our candle lighters, Izzy & Sam Dyck.

### 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.



Now is the time to prepare the way of the Lord, with overflowing love for those around us.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Advent II—Worship @ 10:30am  
Handbell Choir will be playing  
Soup & Sandwich @ 11:45am  
Wes Elias (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

AFG (lounge) @ 6pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Kelvin High School (sanctuary) @ 6pm  
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm  
Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Advent III—Worship @ 10:30am  
Caron Recital (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm  
Memory Tree (lounge) @ 4pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### Wind Dixtour

Double Wind Quintet Concert  
Dec 17 @ 7pm (sanctuary)  
\$10 per ticket—tickets available at the door or from Charmaine Bacon.  
This is a fundraiser concert for St. Andrew's

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Pres Exec Meeting (chapel) @ 2pm  
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm  
Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Bacon Recital (sanctuary) @ 1pm

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Advent IV—Worship @ 10:30am

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

No AFG

#### Christmas Eve Services:

Family Service @ 6:30pm  
Communion @ 9:15-9:30pm  
Lessons & Carols @ 10pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Caroling Service @ 10:30am

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Epiphany Sunday @ 10:30am

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

AFG (lounge) @ 6pm

#### Annual Reports Due!

2018 Annual Reports are due on January 7, 2019. You can see last year's Annual Report on our website under publications.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Worship Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm  
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm  
P&A Meeting (CE room) @ 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm  
Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Worship @ 10:30am  
Soup & Sandwich @ 11:45am  
Choir Recital (sanctuary) @ 12:15pm

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm  
ABC (chapel) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Service Team Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm  
Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm  
Choir AGM (lounge) &  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Worship @ 10:30am

### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Caring Community (lounge) @ 1pm  
Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm  
Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Bible Study – All welcome! @ 9:15am

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Worship @ 10:30am

