

# Welcome

Sunday, January 6, 2018



St. Andrew's is a place where all are welcome and we are glad that you are here! Feel free to sign our Welcome Book, chat with an usher, greeter or one of the folks here over a cup of coffee and cookies. There are a lot of activities and groups to take part in—take home the bulletin and come to any of the upcoming events. In addition, check out our website at [www.standrewsriverheights.com](http://www.standrewsriverheights.com), where you can sign up for our weekly newsletter, check out the calendar of events, or see our weekly bulletin. If you want to chat with the minister, call or email her at 204-488-1130 or [klumley@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:klumley@standrewsriverheights.com).

## 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.

**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

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The magi come bearing gifts.

**We come bearing our gifts.**

Jesus God's gift to us, came into a chaotic time with a promise of change.

**We come, hopeful that our gifts will bring change.**

Come and bring the most precious gift of all—you.

**We come to worship God.**

\*HYMN: **VU82**—A Light Is Gleaming

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: As with gladness men of old—arr. M. Archer

#### OPENING PRAYER (VU86)

**Radiant God, light for all people and all places,**

**by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child.**

**By the light of faith lead us to worship you in peace and love, and guide us in your way.**

**We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world. Amen.**

\*HYMN: **VU96**—Will You Come and See the Light

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:1-12 (read by Vinnie Ashton)

ANTHEM: "Epiphany" (Text: Lynette Miller; Music: William Cross)

There came a star that lit the sky more bright than stars before;  
And seers that watched the skies set out to find a king, and more.  
They came at last to Israel; they asked, "where can we find  
The king who's born to rule in peace, for we have seen a sign."

They followed still that blazing star, that sign from ancient lore.  
It moved across the trackless waste. It led them to a door.  
The wise men knelt before their king. They opened gifts most rare.  
They laid before his infant feet gold, frankincense, and myrrh

O gracious God, in this glad day in your Epiphany,  
We share the wonder of the kings who come on bended knee.  
We praise you for this wondrous child, we kneel in awe and praise.  
We offer all we are and have, our life and all our days.

#### SERMON

\*HYMN: **VU91**—The First Nowell

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: We three kings—arr. A. Fedak

\*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/THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.916)

\*HYMN: **VU87**—I Am the Light of the World

BLESSING

Go forth as a light to the nations. **We go forth, following the star of Christ's birth.**  
Go forth as a people of blessing. **We go forth, proclaiming hope.**  
Go forth as a light to the nations. **We go forth, with God's blessings.**

\*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.**

POSTLUDE: How brightly beams the morning star—arr. J. Pachelbel

**The Anthem this Week**

Retired United Church minister, Reverend Bill Cross, a member of Trinity United Church in Winnipeg, has set this poem by Reverend Lynette Miller, formerly minister of Minnedosa, Manitoba United Church.

**Announcements**

**Pulpit Exchange:** On Sunday, January 13, Rev. Karen Lumley will be doing a Pulpit Exchange with Westworth. She will go preach at Westworth United Church and Rev. Lorraine McKenzie Shepherd will be preaching here at St. Andrew's.

**Quiz Night:** St. Andrew's will be hosting another Quiz Night on Saturday, February 16 @ 7pm. Get your team of 4-6 people organized early! Single entries are welcome and encouraged—we will add you to another team or create a new team. Tickets are \$20 per person including snacks and beverages, with wine and beer available to purchase for \$5. Tickets will be available to purchase from the Narthex on Sunday mornings starting Sunday, January 6 and from the church office starting on Monday, January 7. Enjoy a night out with friends on a cold winter evening.

**Choir Show: Save the Date!** The St. Andrew's Annual Choir Show "*The Fabulous Fifties*" will be on March 8 & 9, 2018. There will be a 7:30pm performance both nights, as well a 1:00pm matinee on March 9, 2018. Tickets are \$20 with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets will be available to purchase in person, as well as online from Eventbrite, and will be on sale near the end of January. Watch for ticket information in the new year!

**Bridge Luncheon: Save the Date!** St. Andrew's River Heights United Church is hosting their Annual Bridge Luncheon on Monday, April 29 at 11:45 - 3:15 in the St. Andrew's Auditorium. Get four of your favorite bridge players together and watch for ticket info in the new year. \$60 per table.

**Basement Bookstore:** The Basement Bookstore has many current and popular titles from art, biographies, Canadiana, classics, cookbooks, dictionaries, fiction, mysteries and non-fiction to large coffee table books. The Basement Bookstore is located at the bottom of the stairs inside the 255 Oak St. doors and is also accessible by the elevator. Customers and donations are welcome. The bookstore is always open, however a librarian is in attendance on Thursdays from 10-5pm.

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**ST ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST**

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 candle lighters and our greeter, Sonja Lundstrom.

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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.



God is the beginning and the end of all that we have, are, and do.

### 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

**No Bible Study today!**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

AFG (lounge) @ 7pm  
ABC (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

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm  
Service Team Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Choir show rehearsal—TBD

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Worship @ 10:30am  
Choir show rehearsal—TBD

### MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm  
Spirit Path (board room) @ 6:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Bacon Recital (sanctuary) @ 6pm

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Worship @ 10:30am  
Annual Reports dispersed

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Worship Meeting (board room) @ 7pm  
P&A Meeting (lounge) @ 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Worship @ 10:30am  
Soup & Sandwich and ABC Valentine  
Bake Sale (auditorium) @ 11:45am  
Robinson Recital (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Quiz Night—tickets on sale Jan 6/19

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Worship @ 10:30am  
Caron Recital (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18—STAT

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Service Team (board room) @ 7pm

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Golden Chords (auditorium) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

