

Sunday, April 7, 2019



Lent is a time of reflection, contemplation and preparation for what is to come. This year we are looking at Lent through the eyes of the Traditional Teachings and the Christian Teachings.

This Lenten season we are reflecting on our covenant relationships with one another as Treaty People- for we are all Treaty People. The Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action lead us to laments, while the Teachings of the Four Directions give us hope and the lectionary readings guide us in our response to both. It is out of this that our Lenten liturgy and journey begins. Each Sunday our candle lightings will reflect Christian and Traditional Teachings woven together in our Lenten pilgrimage, two paths one journey.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

(Join congregational responses in bold print.)

GATHERING MUSIC (*Fairest Lord Jesus—arr. B. Ferguson*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

*HYMN: **VU341**— Fairest Lord Jesus (*CRUSADERS' HYMN*)

CALL TO WORSHIP—**Response: You are welcome here.**

LENT & CANDLE LITURGY (VU239)

Reader: Clark Brownlee (candle lighters—Rosemary & Jasper Lea)

Response: O Great Spirit, how I long to hear your name. How I long to see your face.

A way to hi ho a way hi ho a way hi hi ho.

O Great Spirit, how I long to touch your hands. How I long to see your face.

A way hi ho a way hi ho a way hi hi ho.

PRAYER

*HYMN: **VU590** – A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar (*MEGARRAN*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: "If With All Your Hearts" (*Pierre Todary; Text: Deuteronomy; Jeremiah; Job; Music: Felix Mendelssohn*)

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God.

O! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:1-8 — Read by Diane Bewell

ANTHEM: "The Shepherd of My Soul"

(Text: Joseph Swain—paraphrase of Psalm 23; Music: Setting by Austin Lovelace on a melody by Freeman Lewis)

O Thou, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call,
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all.

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, abide with thy sheep,
To feed them in pastures of love?
Say why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in the wilderness rove?

O why should I wander an alien from thee?
Or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,
And smile at the tears I have shed.

He looks! And ten thousand of angels rejoice,
And myriads wait for his word;
He speaks! And eternity, filled with his voice,
Re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU129** – Said Judus to Mary (*JUDUS AND MARY*)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (*Siciliano—G. Valeri*)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (VU116)

**Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race, hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
gathered at thy throne of grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 914/916)

*HYMN: **MV79** – Spirit, Open My Heart (*WILD MOUNTAIN THYME*)

BLESSING

*BENEDICTION (VU962)

May the blessing of God go before you. May her grace and peace abound. May her Spirit live within you. May her love wrap you 'round. May her blessing remain with you always. May you walk on holy ground.

POSTLUDE (*Allegro moderato*—W. Warder Harvey)

The Anthem this Week

“If with all your hearts” is a tenor aria which comes early in the oratorio “Elijah”, and is sung by the prophet Obadiah, who, according to the Talmud, hid Elijah in a cave to prevent him being captured by King Ahab. He pleads with the Israelites to turn to God, and forsake their foreign idols.

The text of the anthem was written by eighteenth century author Joseph Swain in which he uses various verses in Solomon’s Song of Songs to extol the virtues of Christ. He employs a skillful rhyming scheme to craft his poem, which also has echoes of Psalm 23. The tune was written by American surveyor and teacher, Freeman Lewis, who “wrote music on the side” in the early nineteenth century. This setting is by Austin Lovelace, whose anthem, “Faith is” we sang earlier this month. He has retained the early American “Shape-note” style to the melody.

Announcements

Memorial Flowers: What is the Memorial Flowers Fund? Every year during Lent, St. Andrew’s raises money for the St. Andrew’s Flower Fund in memory of loved ones. Donations can be made in amounts of your choosing and you can name as many people as you wish. All loved ones so named will be listed in an *In Memoriam* section in our order of service on Easter Sunday. This fund is used to purchase flowers/plants to decorate the church during special times of the year. If you would like your ‘*In Memoriam*’ to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please forward the form and your donation to the church office (or place on the offering plate) **no later than Monday, April 15, 2019**. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms are located in the narthex or can be found on our website under “publications/forms”.

Guatemala Banquet: Join us on April 13th to celebrate the past, present and future of the Guatemala Mission Experience at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church! Doors will be open at 5:30pm and dinner will start at 6pm with a short program to follow. Tickets are \$15 per ticket and can be purchased Sunday’s starting today following worship or thru Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/guatemala-banquet-tickets-58124351500>)

Easter Breakfast: Tired of rushing around on Easter Sunday morning, trying to get the Easter eggs gathered, the family members dressed for church and getting breakfast ready? On Sunday, April 21, 2019, let us make breakfast for you! Breakfast will consist of homemade waffles, scrambled eggs, fruit, etc. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 9:45am, and will be \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. A sign-up sheet is up in the narthex - please sign-up if you plan to attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Bridge Luncheon: This annual fundraiser is **Monday, April 29, 2019**, and we need the congregation’s help to make this event a success. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex. If you are unable to make it into the church to sign-up, please con-tact the church office to let them know how you can volunteer — phone 204-488-1130 or email office@standrewsriverheights.com. Thank you very much for helping to make this once again a huge success.

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 as well as our greeters, Glenn Neufeld and Vinny Ashton.

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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.



Our lives often show what we value the most.



Tips and Tales from a Seasoned Traveller:

The Anna Blair Circle invites you to join them on Wednesday, April 17, 7:30pm, in the lounge. Lynda Richard, a retired teacher and active world traveler, will unpack her suitcase of stories and essential must-take items to amuse, enlighten and inspire the wanderer in us all. Lynda is the sister of Rhonda Kennedy Rogers and promises to provide a most entertaining evening. All are welcome.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Bridge Luncheon (aud.) @ 11:45am
Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Rental—Ren. Voices (sanc.) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Rental—Golden Chords (aud.) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
 Spirit Path (chapel) @ 7:30pm
 ♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am
Rental—MMRTA piano delivered

SATURDAY, MAY 4

*Rental—MMRTA
 (Piano tuner @ 9:30am)
 Wes—Student recital @ 3:30pm*

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Church Picnic outdoors @ 10:30am
Rental—MMRTA (sanc.) All Day

MONDAY, MAY 6

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 7

*Rental—Ren. Voices (sanc.) @ 6pm
 Worship Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm
 P&A Meeting (CE room) @ 7:30pm*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Rental—Golden Chords (aud.) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
 ♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am
Rental—MMRTA piano delivered

SATURDAY, MAY 11

*Derek Morphy (sanc.) 2-5pm
 Wes—Student recital @ 3:30pm*

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Worship @ 10:30am
Derek Morphy (sanc.) 2-5pm

MONDAY, MAY 13

*Derek Morphy (sanc.) 6-9pm
 Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

TUESDAY, MAY 14

*Rental—Ren. Voices (sanc.) @ 6pm
 Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm*

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Lent V Worship @ 10:30am
Rental—G&S (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, APRIL 8

*Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm
 Rental—G&S (sanctuary) @ 7pm*

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

*Rental—Ren. Voices (sanc.) @ 6pm
 Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Rental—Golden Chords (aud.) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
 ♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am
 Set-up for Guatemala Banquet (evening)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Guatemala Banquet - tickets available in the Narthex!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Palm Sunday @ 10:30am
Rental—G&S (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

*Rental—Ren. Voices (sanc.) @ 6pm
 Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

*Rental—Golden Chords (aud.) @ 7pm
 ABC Event (lounge) @ 7pm*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
 Spirit Path (chapel) @ 7pm
Maunder Thursday Service @ 7:30pm
 ♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Good Friday Service @ 11am

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Set up for Easter Breakfast

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Communion @ 8:45
Breakfast @ 9-9:45am
Easter Service @ 10:30am

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

*Rental—Ren. Voices (sanc.) @ 6pm
 Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Rental—Golden Chords (aud.) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
 ♪ Choir (sanctuary) @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Office Closed
 Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:15am

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

*Rental—Shevchenko Recital @ 1pm
 Spirit Path (Lounge & Chapel) @ 2pm*

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Worship @ 10:30am
 Set up for Bridge Luncheon

