

Welcome

Sunday, May 19, 2019



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, checkout our website at 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.

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

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

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 @ 204-488-1130 or klumley@standrewsriverheights.com.

STEWARDSHIP: Encourage stewardship of time, talents and resources throughout St. Andrew's. clark_brownlee@mts.net

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! *Choir Director - dmorphy1@mts.net*

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.

5th Sunday of Easter

(Join congregational responses in bold print.)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

*HYMN: **VU217**—All Creatures of Our God and King (*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*)

CENTERING WORDS

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE (*Alleluia—arr. N. Rawsthorne*)

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered as one, welcoming all—**we worship as a community of love.**

Gathered in love, giving thanks for life—**we come to sing God's praises.**

*HYMN: **VU593**—Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (*CHEREPONI*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: "Love Never Faileth" (Soloist: Aaron Hutton; English Text: 1 Corinthians:13; Music: Gabriel Fauré)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle Reading—Acts 11:1-18 (Read by Roger Kane)
Gospel Reading—John 13:31-35 (Read by Roger Kane)

Response: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Blessed Be the God and Father" (*Text: verses from 1 Peter ; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley;*
Soloists: Sarah Cory; Heather Kozak)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to His abundant mercy,
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heav'n for you who are
kept by the power of God; through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently; see that ye love one another.

Being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God;
for all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU594**—O Christian Love (*WELWYN*)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (*Magnificat Fugue—J. Pachelbel*)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (MV191)

**What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

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

Response: God hear our prayer. **And in your love answer.**

*HYMN: **VU658**—O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (*ST MARGARET*)

BLESSING

*BENEDICTION (VU970)

POSTLUDE (*Fantasia—J. Krebs*)

Scripture readings for next week are Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22.5; and John 14:23-29.

The Anthem This Week

Samuel Sebastian Wesley was 24 years old when he composed this wonderful anthem. The grandson of hymn writer, Charles Wesley, Samuel was a church organist for most of his life, and wrote several anthems and motets which remain favourites in the English speaking world. "Blessed be the God and Father" is certainly one of the best known and loved, and contains several sections.

After the sturdy, homophonic opening statement, the next three sections are sung alternately by the male voices, and the female voices accompanying a soprano soloist. The text is taken from the first letter of Peter, and contains messages of the promise of salvation, but warns of the inevitability of death. It was originally composed by Wesley for the choir at Hereford Cathedral to sing at Easter of 1834, when he was first appointed organist there. The choir consisted of a few trebles and one bass! Although he added parts for alto and tenor prior to publication, one can imagine that the lonely bass was quite a singer!!

The anthem contains one of the most powerful, even fearful, chords in all of sacred literature following the passage warning of the inevitable passing of all flesh. The chord, played full blast on the organ (but tastefully, in this case!), heralds the incontrovertible statement that "the word of the Lord endureth for ever"

Announcements

Organ Recital: Today, Marlon Goolcharan, who is studying organ under the tutelage of our own Wes Elias, will be giving a short organ recital following the 10:30am service. Donations can be made to St. Andrew's United Church choir fund.

For the Youth: Youth, Grade 6 and up, are welcome to attend the Travelling Youth Group on Friday May 24th from 7-9pm at Steinbach United Church on 541 Main Street in Steinbach, Manitoba. Theme is "Who Am I?" More details are available outside Karen's office.

You're Invited: St. Andrew's is invited to join Spirit Path on Saturday, May 25 from 3:30-5pm for an "All Ages Worship"! Interactive, creative and fun! Noise expected! This event will be held in the St. Andrew's lounge and facilitated by Spirit Path's Rev. Noelle Bowles.

Chamber Winds @ St. Andrew's: Join us for an afternoon of chamber music on Sunday May 26 @ 2pm, in support of music programming at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church. Tickets will be \$15 available at the door. Musicians include: Michael Oike, piano; Kim Pelletier, oboe; Colin Mehmel, clarinet; Julie Husband, bassoon; Ryan Wehrle, french horn; Charmaine Bacon, flute. The program will include: Ewazen's Ballade, Pastorale and Dance for flute, horn and piano; Poulenc Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano; Flores Trio no. 3 for flute, clarinet and piano.

Wind-Up Dinner: The Anna Blair Circle is having their annual wind-up dinner on Monday, May 27 @ 5:30pm at Nicolino's Restaurant (#4, 2077 Pembina Hwy). Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 22 to Diane Bowles at dianeebowles@gmail.com or 204-488-0174.

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 our candle lighter today, as well as our greeter, Roy Drewett.

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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.

If you do give through PAR or at other times during the year, we invite you to still touch the plate so that you add your blessing to our giftings.



In its brokenness, we hear Creations's cries for help. In its unfinished possibilities, we dream with God. In its cries of anguish, we hear our own call to serve.

COMING UP...

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Worship @ 10:30am
Marlon Recital (sanc.) 12pm

MONDAY, MAY 20

Victoria Day Stat—Office Closed
Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

The next Book Club meeting is Wednesday May 22 at 1:30 pm, in the church lounge. We are ambitiously reading two books, The Secret Gospel of Mary Magdalene by Michele Roberts and Bel Canto by Ann Patchett. At the meeting, we'll decide whether to meet in June or to reconvene in September.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Spirit Path Event (Lounge) @ 3:30pm

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Worship @ 10:30am
Chamber Winds (sanc.) 2pm—\$15 at the door, proceeds in support of St. Andrew's. See Charmaine Bacon for info.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ all day

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Worship @ 10:30am/Pride Sunday
Rental—Caron Recital @ 1:30pm
Rental—Rotoff Recital @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Rental—MB Opera (sanc.) @ 6:30pm
Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Rental—Olivia Maxfield @ 6:30pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Rental—Bond recital @ 12:30pm
Rental—Robinson recital @ 5:30pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Worship @ 10:30am
Rental—R.H.S.M Recital @ 1-6pm
Rental—Olivia Maxfield @ 7pm

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Rental—Froese recital @ 1pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

No Worship @ St. Andrew's
Join Westworth @ 10:30am
Rental—Bacon Recital @ 2-5pm

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Good Evening AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Spirit Path (lounge)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Worship @ St. Andrew's 10:30am
Rental—Leaver Recital @ 1-4:30pm
Pembina Trails S.D. @ 6pm

Summer News

Sunday Worship: This upcoming summer we will be once again partnering with Westworth United Church and joining worship at Westworth on the following Sunday's - June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Summer worship services will resume at St. Andrew's on Sunday, August 4 with Westworth joining us.

Coffee after the service from June 2, 9 & 23 and Aug 4 to September 1, 2018: The Fellowship Committee needs your help making coffee on Sunday mornings during the summer! Many people look for a new church family during the summer months and it is important to offer this friendly gesture. If you are available to help out with the summer schedule, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. There will be detailed instructions posted in the downstairs kitchen for making coffee and/or juice and information where everything can be found. Thank you!

