



Sunday, January 5, 2020



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 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.

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

BIBLE STUDY: We meet Tuesday mornings at 9am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact 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.

CENTERING PRAYER: A form of Christian meditation based on an ancient practice of prayer. Newcomers welcome - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in the lounge. Contact clark_brownlee@mts.net for more information.

CIRCLE OF CARE: Lay pastoral care-giving and ministry for all ages and stages of the congregation. klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

OUTREACH: Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS: Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer @ j.demeduk@hotmail.com

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Gathering pg. 48)

What do you seek? **Life!**

Where do you seek it? **Everywhere!**

Have you found it? **Sometimes. In some places.**

Who are you that or seek this life? **We are beloved children of God,**

Blessed by our brother, Jesus the Christ....

You are welcome here.

We come seeking new life.

We come seeking sanctuary.

We come to worship our God.

*HYMN: **VU96**—Will You Come and See the Light (*KELVINGROVE*)

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE (*Joy is now in every place - Resonet in Laudibus—arr. N. Rawsthorne*)

OPENING PRAYER (Gathering pg. 44)

Gracious God, blessed are we **who come to humble ourselves before you.**

Blessed are we, **who acknowledge that we do not know everything.**

Blessed are we, **who yearn for your restorative love.**

We come together today to be attentive to your presence, to receive and delight in your Word and in the teachings of Jesus.

Blessed are we, as we worship you, our Gracious God. Amen.

*HYMN: **VU74**—What Child Is this? (*GREENSLEEVES*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING— Matthew 2:1-12 (read by Colleen Watters)

ANTHEM: "O Thou, Who By a Star;" (*Text: John Mason Neale; Music: Freeman Lewis; arr. Wayland Rogers*)

O thou, who by a star did guide the wise men on their way,
Until it came and stood beside the place where Jesus lay.

Although by stars thou dost not lead thy servants now below,
Thy Holy Spirit, when they need will show them how to go.

As yet we know thee but in part, but still we trust thy word
That blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see the Lord.

O Saviour, give us then thy grace to make us pure in heart,
That we may see thee, face to face, hereafter as thou art. Amen.

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU89**—From a Distant Home (*ISLA DEL ENCANTO*)

OFFERING (*Minuet—C. P. E. Bach*)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (VU537 v. 1)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

*HYMN: **VU87**—I am the Light of the World (*LIGHT OF THE WORLD*)

BLESSING:

*BENEDICTION (VU429)

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way.

May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around your stay.

May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE (*As with gladness men of old—arr. M. Burkhardt*)

The Anthem this Week

This arrangement of "O thou, who by a star" is based on the melody of the shape-note hymn, Dunlap's Creek, by Freeman Lewis (1780-1859). Little is known about Lewis except that he was a surveyor from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and wrote music as a hobby. The hymn first appeared in "Southern Harmony", an important shape-note hymnal published in 1835 by William Walker.

The text was written by the Anglican priest, translator and hymn writer, John Mason Neale. He is responsible for translating, for example, "O come, O come, Emmanuel", "Of the father's love begotten", "Christ is made the sure foundation", and several others in *Voices United*. The arrangement by American composer, Wayland Rogers, is relatively simple. After the initial singing of the melody by the men, he sets the following three verses as a canon, initially a measure apart, and finally one beat apart. The result is a lovely version of this sturdy American hymn.

Announcements

What are your Top 5 favourite hymns? Fill out a ballot, which can be found in the Narthex. In a special Hymn Sing service on Sunday, January 19, 2020, we will include the top voted songs from St. Andrew's to sing during the service.

Office News: St. Andrew's River Heights United will bid farewell to our Office Manager Andrea Moffett on January 9th. Andrea has accepted an exciting new position with the Government of Canada starting on January 13, 2020. Andrea's organisational skills and dedicated service have played a crucial role in ensuring our Church runs efficiently for the past 6½ years and has been a very important part of our team throughout this period, she will be dearly missed. Consistent with the level of integrity we have come to know Andrea for, she has generously offered to help with various tasks through the transition after her departure date which is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Ministers, Staff and Congregation at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, I would like to thank Andrea for her years of service and wish her every success in all future endeavors as she turns the page in her life's story. M&P is currently working to fill the position of Office Manager. We plan to have the open position filled by January 13th, at least on a temporary basis, until a full time Office Manager can be placed. ~ Michael Duncan, M&P Chair

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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 greeters, Darlene and Murray Cameron.

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 freely gives us grace and gives us the strength to do the same.

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Epiphany Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

2019 Annual Reports are due today!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

P&A meeting (chapel) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir @ 8pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am

Rental—Li Recital (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

ABC (chapel) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/chapel) 9-6pm

Charmaine (lounge) 2-4pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-1pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-6pm

Rental—Things (chapel) @ 9am

Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-6pm

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/lounge) 9-1pm

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams

(sanctuary/chapel) 9-6pm

Charmaine (lounge) 2-4pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Worship @ 10:30am

Choir show rehearsal following worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9am

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir @ 8pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Opera Idol (sanctuary) @ 1-8pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9am

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 7pm

P&A meeting (chapel) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir @ 8pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Worship @ 10:30am

ABC Bake Sale (auditorium) @ 10:45am

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9am

Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Handbells (lounge) @ 6:30pm

Choir @ 8pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Worship @ 10:30am

Handbells playing

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9am

Rental—Things (chapel) @ 9am

Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm

Choir @ 8pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Worship @ 10:30am

AGM & Lunch following worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm



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