

Welcome

Sunday, January 12, 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:Ruth-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](mailto: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

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN: **VU644**—I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (*WATERLIFE*)

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE (*Vesper Voluntary—E. Elgar*)

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

SOLO: “Simeon” (*Soloist: Fred Cross; Text and Music by Peter Cornelius*)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING— Isaiah 43:1-7 (read by Roger Kane)

ANTHEM: “The Baptism of Jesus” (*Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: Traditional Irish tune, arr. Austin Lovelace*)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptised by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, Our utmost woe and loss;
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended on Him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come Holy Spirit, Oh, come, Holy Spirit, come!
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

GOSPEL READING—Matthew 3:13-17 (read by Roger Kane)

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

*HYMN: **MV157**—I Am a Child of God (*Cheryl and Bruce Harding*)

OFFERING (*Prelude on 'Waterlife'—R. Hobby*)

*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.**

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

*HYMN: **MV161**—I Have Called You By Your Name (*KELLY*)

BLESSING

Response: **We go forth to love and bless God's world.**

*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 (*Gavotte—G. F. Handel*)

The Anthem this Week

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, and also four children in our congregation, we picked an anthem set to a poem "The Baptism of Jesus" by English Methodist Minister, Fred Pratt Green, who died in 2000 at the age of 96. He composed many hymn texts (there are eight in "Voices United") and also works for the theatre. (Trivial fact – he was a contemporary school mate of my father). American composer, Austin Lovelace, set the text of his poem to a traditional Irish melody.

Announcements

Office News: St. Andrew's River Heights United will bid farewell to our Office Manager Andrea Moffatt 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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Dinner starts at 5:00pm. Come and bring the whole family, only \$5.00 per person!

Bridge Luncheon: St. Andrew's River Heights United Church is hosting their Annual Bridge Luncheon on Monday, April 27 at 11:45 - 3:15 in the St. Andrew's Auditorium. Get four of your favorite bridge players together and contact Connie Blamey @ 204-488-8876 for tickets. \$80 per table—\$20 per ticket.

Outreach

Save your old markers! Crayola has a program to recycle all dead markers so that they do not end up in landfills or our oceans. Crayola accepts markers of all brands even dry erase and highlighters. Crayola pays for the shipping by sending labels so let's get started saving those markers. <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>.

Save Your Spare Change! We are collecting for a food processor for Oak Table-1JustCity. The container is at the back of the church.

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 Kathy Knowles for greeting today.

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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 gives without partiality. Let us do likewise.

Coming Up...

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
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams (sanctuary/lounge) 9-6pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Baptism Sunday @ 10:30am
Stevenson (chapel or lounge) @ 11:45am

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 Meeting (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
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Rental—Royal Conservatory Exams (sanctuary/lounge) 9-6pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Worship @ 10:30am
Choir show rehearsal following worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm
Rental—Bolton (choir room) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2:30pm

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) @ 9:30am
Worship meeting (lounge) @ 7pm
P&A meeting (chapel) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Rental—Robinson (sanc) @ 9:30am
Karen @ Boulton
Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Choir @ 8pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Rental—Robinson (sanc) @ 9:30am

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2:30pm

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) @ 9:30am
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Karen @ Wellington
Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2:30pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—Things meeting (chapel) @ 9am
Council Meeting (chapel) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

Bible Study

This winter we will be studying the spiritual characteristics and attributes as listed in the “Thriving United Church” document written by Loraine McKenzie Shepherd. All are welcome to attend all the sessions or some of the sessions as we discover together what makes churches grow and how we can grow. Our study group is Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30.

Jan. 29 - Session 1

Introduction & Radical Hospitality (p. 10)

Feb. 5 - Session 2

Joyful (p. 17) & Visionary (p. 17)

Feb. 12 - Session 3

Communal (p. 19) & Accountable (p. 20)

Feb. 19 - Session 4

Humble (p. 21) & Open Hearted (p.22)

Feb. 26 - Session 5

Risk Taking, Discerning, Contemplative, Mission Focused, Generous, Prophetic (pgs. 22-27)

