

Welcome



Sunday, February 16, 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: My Lord, what a morning (*arr. R. Haan*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from UCC prepared by Alydia Smith)

God, you taught yur ancestors to sing with their souls while in a foreign land.

Through music, you taught Black peoples to persevere and trust in you, even as their hearts and bodies were broken.

Your power God, moved through our ancestors,
as the rhythm and cadence of music moves through our bodies.

There would be no Underground Railroad or Civil Rights Movement without a song, and there would be no song without you.

Let everything that has breath, praise you!

*OPENING HYMN: Every time I feel the spirit (see insert)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Minute for Ministry-Ruth McKenzie (Worship Group)

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: It's me, O Lord (*arr. E. Rocherolle*)

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: Kum ba ya (see insert)

CHILDRENS TIME

SOLO: Derek Morphy; Deep River - arranged by Harry Burleigh (Martha Graham, accompanist)

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (Read by Fred Cross)

This is the Word of God, **thanks be to God** .

ANTHEM: Witness; Traditional Spiritual, arranged Jack Halloran

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU 612**—There is a balm in Gilead (*BALM IN GILEAD*)

OFFERING: "Tapestry on Be Thou My Vision" arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden (Handbell ringers, Wes Elias-piano, Anna Torquato-flute.)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (**VU 537** 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 & PRAYER OF JESUS: pg. 914/916

*HYMN: **VU 575**—I'm going to live so God can use me

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

POSTLUDE: Be Joyful—Bill Ingrim (Handbell Ringers)

The Anthem this Week

We welcome the Hand Bell players this morning who have reconvened following a brief hiatus before Christmas. They will be playing two pieces, conducted by Dr. Stuart Sladden. After gaining a Bachelor's degree in Vocal Jazz Performance at the University of Toronto, Stuart moved to Winnipeg to pursue a Master's degree specializing in choral conducting, and recently completed a Doctor of Music degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Alberta. He currently directs Bison Men's Chorus, Joie de Vivre, Good Neighbours Choristers, as well as the Rochester Ringers. Last May he adjudicated a major music festival in Hong Kong.

As we will celebrate Black History month this Sunday, Derek will sing the spiritual "Deep River", and the choir will sing another spiritual, "Witness". The text is lengthy, and, we hope, easily heard and understood. In a folksy style common to many spirituals the song tells of two biblical characters, Nicodemus in the New Testament, and Samson in the Old Testament, both of whom had a transformational experience and became a "witness".

Announcements

Choir Show: The St. Andrew's Senior Choir is presenting "Puttin' on the Ritz—Songs of the 1920s" on March 6 & 7, 2020. There will be a 7:30pm performance both nights, as well a 1:30pm matinee on March 7, 2020. Tickets are \$20 with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. . Tickets are available for purchase through the office mon-fri 9am-3pm. If you would like to pick up your tickets on Sunday mornings in the Narthex, please email or call the church office to order your tickets ahead of time. Tickets are also available online through Eventbrite <https://musicfromthe1920s.eventbrite.ca>

The Worship Interest Group has been inspired by the paper on Thriving United Churches from Lorraine MacKenzie Shepherd. We have been supportive of the ministerial staff to try new things in worship this year. Such as drama and secular music. We are interested to know how these services have been received and are always happy to get comments from the congregation.

Bible Study, Thriving Churches," this week we are discussing being Accountable, Humble and Open-Hearted pages 20-22. Scripture readings are: Romans 8:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 and Matthew 5:16.

AGM is February 23 immediately following the church service. Babysitting is provided and the reports are at the back of the church for anyone who wishes a paper copy, for an online copy contact Charlotte Lindsay in the church office.

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!

The next book club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. Our book is In the Lake of the Woods by Tom O'Brien. A couple go to their cabin in the north woods to sort out some issues in their lives. One day, the wife vanishes and the boat is gone. What happened? As past histories are drawn exposed, the story unfolds and shines light on the inner motivations of the partners.

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 those who helped with greeting today!

Thank you to the Handbell ringers for your performance today.

Thank you to Anna Torquato for your help with the performance today!

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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.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Finance Meeting @ 9:30am
Black History Sunday Worship: Handbells will be performing @ 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Service @ The Parkway @ 10:30am
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2:30pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Worship @ 10:30am
AGM & Lunch following worship
Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 6pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Shrove Pancake Supper @ 5pm
Centering Prayer (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 5pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Lent I Communion @ 10:30am
Choir show rehearsal following worship (auditorium)

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Caring Community (chapel) @ 1pm
Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm
Bible Study (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Choir @ 8pm
Lighting set-up (auditorium)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Choir Show (auditorium) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Choir Show (auditorium,) @ 1:30pm
Choir Show (auditorium) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm
Bible Study (lounge) @ 7pm

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

2020 Lenten Challenge for us at St. Andrew's and Westworth is to deepen and strengthen our faith as disciples of Jesus and our faith community. We are offering three opportunities to meet and discuss what your thoughts are on the reflections for the week, which are provided in a booklet given to you. There are three opportunities for these groups to meet: Tues. 9:30am facilitated by Rev. Karen Lumley, Wed. 9:30 am facilitated by Joan Wilton and Bernard Boland and Wed. evening at 7:00 pm facilitated by Fred Cross. Each group is one hour long and meet at the church. Books are provided and will be available for those who sign up. The small groups meet for 5 weeks beginning the first week of March to the first week of April. Sign up in the Narthex!

S.N.O.W. Camp 2020 (Safe Night Off Winnipeg Streets for Women Involved in the Sex Trade) is February 24-26 and we are collecting items for their weekend away. Needed Are NEW twin comforters, sheets, pillows and pillow cases. New slippers, socks, underwear, pajamas Small to XXXL, new beauty supplies such as creams, facials, new headbands, hair clips, combs, brushes, new mitts, hats and scarfs. new toothpaste and brushes. Face cloths and bath towels and gently used outdoor wear such as jackets, snow pants and boots. Please bring your items to the church by Monday, February 17th.

Scripture Readings for next week:
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

