

Welcome

Sunday, February 23, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In the light and in the dark,

All: You come to us.

One: To mountain tops and kitchen tables,

All: You come to us.

One: In splendor and in simplicity

All: You come to us.

One: Always and everywhere, that is your promise.

All: Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN: **VU 336** Christ whose glory fills the skies (RATISBON)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clark Brownlee Announcement

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: Prelude (*N. Rawsthorne*)

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: **VU 585** Jesus bids us shine

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Heather Kozak; Climbing up the mountain; Traditional Spiritual (arr. Patsy Ford Simms)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (read by Vinny Ashton)

ANTHEM: How Great is the Lord; Text - based on Psalm 48: 1-2, 9-11; Music: Mark Hayes

How great is the Lord! How deserving of praise in the city of God which sits on the holy mountain. It is high and magnificent, the earth rejoices to see it! How great is the Lord in the city of our God. O God we meditate on your unfailing love. We worship in your temple as angels do above. Your name, O God deserves our praise even to the ends of the earth. Let the people of Mount Zion rejoice! Let all the towns of Judah be glad because of your justice, Because of your mercy and your loving kindness to every generation.

SERMON

*HYMN: **MV 82** Bathe me in your light (Ron Klusmeier)

OFFERING: Prelude on 'Christ whose glory fills the skies' (*A. Fletcher*)

*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 264** Immortal, invisible, God Only Wise (ST DENIO)

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: Praise the Lord (*S. Karg-Elert*)

The Anthem this Week

This energetic and powerful psalm setting is very typical of many anthems by American composer, Mark Hayes. The declamatory opening section declares the majesty of the Almighty in a fanfare like motif, which is repeated and embellished. There follows, a more meditative section reflecting on the constant love of God, followed by a return to the opening declamatory theme.

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 Anna Blair Circle wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of their Valentine Bake Sale on February 9th. A total of \$330. was raised. We appreciate the support of the congregation!

A special thank you for all who donated for S.N.O.W. Camp! It was appreciated by the organizers and the participants, who send along a special thank you to our church.

Sign the petition and support our Indigenous brothers and sisters of the Island Lake area of Manitoba, (Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point, Wassagamack and Red Sucker Lake) who are lobbying the government for a hospital to be built that will service the 14, 000 Indigenous people who are in need of this facility. There are serious health problems that need to be addressed in the region and accessibility to **health services is limited and inadequate. Please sign the petition at the back of the church.**

AGM is immediately following the church service today. 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!

Bible Study: Thriving Churches pgs. 22-24: Open-Hearted, Risk-Tasking and Discerning.

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 who helped with 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.



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

Coming Up...

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
Spirit Path (chapel) @ 6:30pm

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) all day

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
Focus Group (chaper) @ 11:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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.

Join us for an evening of 20th century solo and chamber music with flute and strings:

7:00pm, Saturday, February 29, 2020
St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

Silver collection: proceeds to music programming at St. Andrew's. Organised by Charmaine Bacon.

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!

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.

Ecumenical Taize Service with cantor and accompaniment on Ash Wednesday, February 26 at Westworth United Church at 7:30-8:30 at 1750 Grosvenor. Come to a reflective, candlelit service with 4-part chants and silent meditation, with opportunity for administration of ashes. If you would like to play an instrument or practice vocal parts, please let Lorraine know and plan to come to the rehearsal from 6:00-7:00.

Scriptures for next week:
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

