



Welcome

Sunday, March 1, 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: Prelude (from Prelude, Fugue and Variation) C. Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

All: God created in the wilderness.

One: The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

All: The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

One: Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.

All: Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

One: We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

All: For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.

One: Let us worship God!

All: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: **VU 111** As the sun with longer journey (*PICARDY*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: Andantino (C. Franck)

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: **MV 65** When we are tested (WHEN WE ARE TESTED)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4: 1-11 (Read by Nancy Hodgson)

ANTHEM: To the desert Jesus came; Words and Music – Linnea Good (Voices United - #113) – Solo: Sarah Cory

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU 460** All you who hunger (HOLY MANNA)

OFFERING: Oboe Piece (L. Lefebure-Wely)

*OFFERING SUNG RESPONSE (**VU 116 vs 1**)

**Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,
Hear the prayer of our hearts uplift,
Gathered at thy throne of grace.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God most holy.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love
From the dust of the earth, you created us in your image.
From the bondage and slavery, you delivered us. ...
... In him we come to know your truth,
to feel the life that is Christ within us.
So it is that throughout these Lenten days and nights
we worship you, and bless your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of justice and love,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosannah in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest!**

In his last hours among us, Jesus and his friends gathered together in an upper room...

...We present to you our very lives, committed to your service on behalf of all people.

By what we do here, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*HYMN: **VU 108** Throughout these Lenten days and nights (*WINCHESTER NEW*)

BLESSING

*BENEDICTION (**MV 84 vs 2**)

**In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future, in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.**

POSTLUDE: Andante (T. Arne)

The Anthem this Week

The story of Jesus being alone, severely tempted and fasting for forty days in the desert, is familiar to many, but I had a hard time finding an anthem which reflected the experience. Today, we will sing a hymn from Voices United, which is not familiar to many of us, but the text of which beautifully leads us into the time of Lent. Canadian composer, Linnea Good, born in New Brunswick and now living in the Okanagan, wrote both the text and the music.

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 Darlene and Murray Cameron 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, 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

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 until March 4th.

<https://musicfromthe1920s.eventbrite.ca>

Facilitators are needed for the Honoring Treaties Faithfully 2020 Interfaith Dialogue beginning Sunday April 19, 26 and May 3 and 10. See the poster and on the website for more details.

Discussions will be on what it means to be Treaty people? How can we as a faith community prepare for the 2020 150th anniversary of the signing of Treaty 1? The format is a speaker and then a small group gathering.

Lenten Challenge: Join any of the three groups to deepen and strengthen your faith and our faith community. Groups begin Tues. March 3 at 9:30 or Wed. March 4 at 9:30 or 7:00 p.m. All groups are one hour and are held at the church in the Lounge. Sign up for one of the groups (different facilitators/different times) and pick up your book. This week we will be discussing pages 1-23 which includes Day 1 (Ash Wednesday) to Day 7.

The Regional UC Youth staff and Zeebu retreat coordinators would like to thank Betty Jubinville and all who helped her provide a meal for the Zeebu youth retreat held at Westworth UC in February. We appreciated the healthy, abundant meals that kept us energized for all of our activities!

Thank You: The congregation of Westworth United recently hosted ZEEBU, a retreat for United Church Youth. This undertaking would have been impossible without the help of Betty Jubinville, and her team, who prepared and transported two meals to feed eighty hungry teenagers and adults over the Louis Riel long weekend. Westworth thanks St. Andrew's River Heights for their support of this important event for the youth of our denomination.

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.**

Memorial Flowers: What is the Memorial Flowers Fund? Every year during Lent, St. Andrew's raises money for the St. Andrew's Flower Fund in memory of loved ones. Donations can be made in amounts of your choosing and you can name as many people as you wish. All loved ones so named will be listed in an *In Memoriam* section in our order of service on Easter Sunday. This fund is used to purchase flowers/plants to decorate the church during special times of the year. If you would like your 'In Memoriam' to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please forward the form and your donation to the church office (or place on the offering plate) **no later than Monday, April 6, 2020.** Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms are located in the narthex or can be found on our website under "publications/forms".

Scriptures for next week:

Genesis 12:1-4a,
Psalm 121,
Romans 4:1-5 , 13-17
John 3:1-17

