



Welcome

Sunday, March 8, 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: Intermezzo (*J. Rheinberger*)

CENTERING WORDS

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN: **VU 629** Eternal light, shine in my heart (*RIVAULX*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING/PRELUDE: Trio (*J. Rheinberger*)

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: **VU 320** Mothering God, you gave me birth *HESPERUS (QUEBEC)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-17 (read by Linda Paul)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: God so loved the world: Text from John 3: 16, 17; Music by John Stainer

Text: God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world, through Him might be saved!

SERMON

*HYMN: **VU 382** Breathe on me, breath of God (*TRENTHAM*)

OFFERING: Adagio (*Organ Sonata #1*) *F. Mendelssohn*

*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PRAYER OF JESUS: pg. 914/916

*HYMN: **VU 582** There's a spirit in the air (vss. 1, 4, 6, 7) *LAUDS*

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: Prelude in D (*J. K. F. Fischer*)

The Anthem this Week

This beautifully reflective anthem comes from John Stainer's 1887 oratorio, "The Crucifixion". As the text is a central tenet of our Christian religion, it is no wonder that there have been many settings of these verses from John's Gospel, including one by Herb Belyea, a former conductor of the St. Andrew's choir. Stainer's version is perhaps the most well known and most often performed. In style typical of the Romantic period, the music proceeds slowly and profoundly sadly through the text, making sure to make the most of the sentiment of the words.

Announcements

A special thanks to all involved with the Choir Show: The St. Andrew's Senior Choir presented "Puttin' on the Ritz—Songs of the 1920s"

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.**

Lenten Study Groups meet on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30 and Wednesday evening 7:00-8:00. We will be continuing The Lenten Challenge Days 7-14 pages 23-42. Any and all are welcome to attend any one of the three groups.

Ray Cuthbert will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 29. Ray was ordained in Winnipeg in 1979 and in addition to pastoral ministry, served on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. He was Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada from 2004-2006. Prior to retirement, he served 18 years as the founding Minister at Broadway Disciples United Church here in Winnipeg. He has recently served as a member of the Full Communion Dialogue Group of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Canada. He currently worships at Westworth United Church"

The children and youth will be presenting a special play on Sunday, April 5 for the Intergenerational service on Palm Sunday. The children will be practising Sunday March 29 downstairs and in the sanctuary immediately following the church service using the microphones.

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.

Scriptures the next week: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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 Sigrid and Michael Duncan who helped with greeting today!

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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 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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Finance Meeting (chapel) 9:30am
Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm
Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm
Bible Study (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Rental—Bruce Wilton (aud) @ 9am
Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Worship @ 10:30am
Sunday School play practice @ 11:30am

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2pm
Sprit Path (lounge) @ 2pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**Intergenerational
Palm Sunday**
Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Maundy Thursday
Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Good Friday at Westworth

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Rental—Charmaine (sanc) @ 2pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

**Communion @ 8:45
Breakfast @ 9-9:45am
Easter Service @ 10:30am**

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Basement Bookstore @ 10am – 5pm
Handbell Ringers (lounge) @ 6:30pm
Choir @ 8pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Rental—Finnbugason (aud) @ 8am
Rental—Charmaine (lounge) @ 2pm

