

Thankful Grateful TODAY & EVERYDAY

Sunday, October, 11, 2020



This Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday.

It is a day to celebrate and give thanks for harvest,
for creation and for all of God's gifts.

It is also a day to remember those who do not have as much to share with them. It is a time to count our many blessings and name them one by one. Take time to do that today!

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

News about the COVID situation in Canada, and right here in Winnipeg, seems to be changing by the hour. We at St. Andrew's are doing our best to monitor these changes.

In response to the recent spike in COVID cases in Manitoba, the Province announced more stringent measures regarding the wearing of face masks and limiting public gatherings to a maximum of 10 people. However, the Directive has been clear to specify that, at this time, there is no change to rules for schools, childcare, etc. **and no change for faith-based gatherings.** As such, we at St. Andrew's continue to be subject to a maximum of 30% of our full sanctuary capacity or approximately 130 people. Attendance at our services so far have been about 40 people and we are excited about that. Many more have tuned in to the on-line delayed streaming of each of these services. Be assured that we continue to follow all Provincial health directives to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all attenders.

By now you are probably getting familiar with the new protocols when attending services but let me repeat them again below:

- We are encouraging attenders to pre-register in advance by phoning the church office during the week prior to the Sunday. Not to worry if you forget. Walk-ups will be warmly welcomed.
- Face masks will be required as you enter the building.
- Please enter the building through the Kingsway St. (east side) door. Only those with mobility issues who require use of the elevator will be allowed to enter thru the Oak St. entrance.
- As you enter, you will be welcomed by a Greeter at a desk as a check off for registration. It is a requirement for us to keep a record of all attenders (including contact phone numbers).
- An Usher will then escort you to a sanctuary seat. A seating plan has been developed marking 'Usable' sanctuary seats to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Appropriate exiting at the conclusion of the service is important. Exiting one pew row at a time will be supervised by the Ushers. Health regulations prevent mingling with refreshments after the service.

The Christian Education Committee has been working hard to provide Sunday School and nursery/toddler care during the service. Karen and Charlotte have relocated back to their church offices. For health security reasons, the Oak St. door will continue to remain locked. You can see them by calling in advance or ringing the buzzer positioned at the outside Oak St. door. As always, your comments and feedback is important to us, probably best provided by email thru the Church Office.

Glenn Neufeld



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: Come, you thankful people, come (*St. George's, Windsor*) arr. *Charles Callahan*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **VU 213** Rejoice, the Lord is King VS 1 & 2 *DARWALL'S 148th*

GATHERING PRAYER

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather to worship God.

The God who makes mountains and valleys, sunshine and rain

Hot summer days, and cold winter nights

Cats and bunnies, artichokes and bananas

Tall people and short people

And all sizes in between.

Come let us join together with hearts full of thanksgiving

As we worship God this day!

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: **VU 213** Rejoice, the Lord is King VS 3 & 4 *DARWALL'S 148th*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Sarah Cory "An die Musik" Text: Franz von Schober; Music: Franz Schubert

Text:

Du holde Kunst, in wieviel grauen
Stunden,
Wo mich des Lebens wilder Kreis um-
strickt,
Hast du mein Herz zu warmer Lieb
entzunden,
Hast mich in eine bessere Welt entrückt!
Oft hat ein Seufzer, deiner Harf
entflossen,
Ein süßes, heiliger Akkord von dir
Den Himmel besserer Zeiten mir
erschlossen,
Du holde Kunst, ich danke dir dafür!

Translation:

Beloved art, in how many a bleak hour,
when I am enmeshed in life's tumultu-
ous round,
have you kindled my heart to the
warmth of love,
and borne me away to a better world!
Often a sigh, escaping from your harp,
a sweet, celestial chord
has revealed to me a heaven of happier
times.
Beloved art, for this I thank you!

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:1-9 read by Diane Bewell

SERMON

HYMN: **VU218** We praise you, O God *KREMSTER*

OFFERING

(Plates at the back of the church for your convenience)

OFFERING PRAYER:

We praise you God for the creation of the earth, for sky and ocean.

We praise you for God for sunshine, rain, and yes even snow.

We praise you God for strawberries in summer, apples in fall, and turnips in winter!

We praise you God for family, friends and church here and on line.

We praise you God with songs of joy and thanks!

We praise you God with dancing feet, clapping hands, and blinking eyes!

We praise you God with songs of joy and thanks!

We praise you God for all these gifts you give us.

We ask you to bless the gifts we bring of time, talent and money. Amen

ANTHEM: "Thou visitest the earth"; Text: Psalm 65: 9,11; Music: Maurice Greene

Text: Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it, and crownest the year with thy goodness

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

Response:

Kumbayah , my Lord, kumbaya X3

O, Lord, Kumbayah.

Verses are: **Someone's cryin' Lord**
Someone's singin' Lord
Someone's prayin' Lord

BLESSING:

Response: **We go in trust, O God.**

***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: Choral-Improvisation on 'Now thank we all our God' *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

(Remained seated, you will be ushered out)

The Anthem this week

This Sunday, for our music offering to celebrate Thanksgiving, we go to music of previous centuries. Sarah will sing this lovely lied (song) in praise of music, composed by 19th century Austrian composer, Franz Schubert, in which he offers thanks for allowing him to cope with "life's tumultuous round" (a somewhat familiar theme these days?!).

English composer and organist, Maurice Greene, composed this lovely verse anthem on a text from the psalms in thanks for God's bountiful gifts of the harvest. Greene, born in London, was a prominent composer of the early 18th century, eventually being appointed 'Master of the King's Musick', the highest musical position in the land. Verse anthems, a favorite music form of the time, feature solo statements of the text, answered by a choral response.

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 so much to the re-opening group, worship group, Jan and Evan Demeduk and to Jeff Kremer for your hard work to make everything run smoothly!

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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.



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

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Rental—Chris Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 11:30am

Rental—Charmaine (sanctuary) @ 4:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—Things (sanctuary) @ 11am
Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

Council Meeting @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Rental—Judith Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Rental—Chris Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 11:30am

Rental—Charmaine (sanctuary) @ 4:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We received a Certificate of Thanksgiving is recognition for giving \$16,000 in 2019 for the Mission & Service of The United Church of Canada. Thanks for your generosity in giving to the life, work and mission of the church.

Oak Table -1JustCity is now live visit them at <http://www.oaktable.ca>. The new website is launched and LIVE! Visit and see the changes they are making. You can be updated on all their needs. It is exciting TOGETHER, We can Make It Happen...Let's Make This Dream a Reality.

Thanksgiving Drive

Let's collect

MEAT: canned tuna, salmon, canned ham, canned chicken mayonnaise

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors, shaving cream

UNDERWEAR: men and women's new underwear Medium & Large, men's undershirts, gently used or new athletic shoes for men and women, diabetic socks only! We will be collecting these items for the next month. Bring them to church or drop them off. Thanks for your generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Bible Study meets Tuesday morning at 9:30am-10:30am. We will be studying together Ecclesiastes 2 come and join us and see if there is anything "new under the sun".

A special thanks to the RHS Daycare and preschool at the Church, who welcomed us all back to church with this beautiful banner and wreath.

Sunday School: Ages 0-4 years in the lounge upstairs and 5 years and up in the auditorium downstairs. Please come in the doors at the Kingsway, not 255 Oak Street with your children. We will ensure your children are taken to their classes and they will be brought upstairs when church is finished. Registration forms are available online to print. Pre-register your family if you can, you can also email the office if you can't find the pre-registration form on the website. Thanks!

Christian Meditation An old way of prayer for our new reality In stressful times our relationship with God becomes more important. Learn how to "be still and know that I am God" by attending an on-line 6 week Introduction to Christian Meditation course beginning on Monday October 19th at 7:30 pm. For more information and to register contact Gail Brooks at rgbrooks2@shaw.ca

A special thank you to Rhonda Kennedy who donated, planted, watered and gave loving care to the flowers around the church this summer. She brought over buckets of water for others to help in watering the beautiful flowers and garden. Thanks so much Rhonda for helping to beautify the church during COVID days offering signs of hope and beauty. Thanks for much for caring for God's flowers all summer it was muchly appreciated.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Matthew 22:15-22



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