

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1, 2020



Today is All Saint's Day a day in which the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us in the life of faith. Often, people from the past are remembered, honored and their lives are held up.

Today, we celebrate the witness of the saints PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE! Today we remember those gone before us, those who are with us now and those in the future. We remember them in hope and faith!

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

Worship Services in the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's

The most recent Provincial Health Directives specify further limits on various public gatherings, however, there is no change as they apply to faith-based sanctuary services. 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 has been about 40 people and we are excited about that. Many more are tuning in to the on-line delayed streaming of the services. Be assured that we continue to follow all health directives to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all attendees.

I think we are all getting familiar with the new protocols when attending services. For brevity, I am just going to repeat key reminders.

- Note that face masks are required as you enter the building and make sure you use the hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Please enter 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, a Greeter will do a check off for registration. It is a requirement for us to keep a record of all attendees (including contact phone numbers).
- An Usher will escort you to a sanctuary seat. A seating plan has been developed to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Appropriate exiting at the conclusion of the service is important. Ushers will assist in exiting one pew row at a time. Please confine your social interactions to outside the church doors, of course at an appropriate social distance.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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: Blest are they *David Haas, arr. Mark Hayes*

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: Fred Cross

OPENING HYMN: **VU 705** For All Saints vs. 1 & 2

GATHERING PRAYER: Written by Rita Swan

**Welcome into this sacred space,
mindful of the generations of faith who have come before us:
adults and children, certain and questioning,
Men and women, hopeful and despairing.
We give thanks for the welcome all received from you, Merciful God,
and for the ways we continue to be enfolded into community.
With grateful hearts we think of those who have shaped our faith,
encouraging us as saints in your realm. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

Some of them are living, others have completed their physical life here on earth.

Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

But all have shaken our being-all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.

We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation!

HYMN: **VU705** For All Saints vs. 3 & 4

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Heather Kozak "The Lord's Prayer"; *Music: Albert Hay Malotte*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12 read by Martha Graham

SERMON: SAINTS PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace **VU 684**

Dr. Jessie Saulteaux & Thomas George Prince- vs. 1

Mary Campbell & John Standing- vs. 2

Conclusion- vs. 3

(Readers: Fred Cross & Rita Swan)

OFFERING

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

OFFERING PRAYER: The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020

Holy God, thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship.

Thank you for the vision of a world at peace, paradise restored, where no one hungers, no one thirsts, and no one is wanting.

You guide us to the source of living water and invite us to drink deeply of your love. Your magnificent generosity evokes our deepest thanks.

And so receive these offerings, that we may join the cloud of witnesses as we share our gifts with others. Amen.

ANTHEM: "Our song shall rise to thee" *Text: Reginald Heber; Music: Larry Nickel (quoting VU 315 "Holy, holy, holy"; music by John Dykes).*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Paraphrased Richard Bott UC Moderator)

Response: Long live the saints!

THE PRAYER OF JESUS **VU 914/916**

BLESSING: Written by Rita Swan

Go from this place to continue the work of making our world new with the Spirit of Christ.

Where there is hurt, and tears are falling, **we will be God's comfort.**

Where there is anger, and violence regains supreme, **we will be God's peace.**

Where there is neglect, and loneliness abide, **we will be God's love.**

Go as saints of this generation who are the love God, the incarnation of Christ, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.

*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: For all the Saints (*Sine Nomine*) *Ralph Vaughan Williams arr. Robert Hobby*

(Remained seated, you will be ushered out)

Music this week

"The Lord's Prayer", which Heather will sing this morning, "the power and the glory" is the best known composition by American pianist and composer, Albert Hay Malotte, and has been recorded by many well-known singers during the last sixty years of the twentieth century. It begins slowly and reflectively, and gradually works up to a grand climax on "For thine is the kingdom".

The anthem, composed by Vancouver composer Larry Nickel, uses the well-known John Dykes tune to a text by Reginald Heber in 1826, and intermingles it with an original melody.

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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St. Andrews Stewardship Campaign for 2021

Despite the tumult that Covid-19 has created in our lives, some things remain as a constant. One of those items is the annual Stewardship Campaign at St. Andrews!

As you are aware, the work of the church has not stopped. There are still Sunday services, outreach continues in a variety of forms and Karen Lumley is still connecting with those who are shut-in. The music program continues in a truncated way and worship for younger members is being explored and undertaken in a variety of ways.

As such, the expenses associated with all of these programs carry on as if Covid -19 did not exist! To date we have been fortunate that the generosity of members has continued in these turbulent times. Thank you for your support! We are also most thankful for the Federal Government financial contributions over the past several months.

As we quickly approach a new year we are all hopeful that some sense of normalcy will return.

In any event, we are hoping to count on your continued support for the 2021 year. There will be stewardship messages happening in the service on November 1 and 15. Shortly after this a package will be sent to you providing more detail. Kindly prayerfully consider your commitment of money, time and talent to St. Andrews.

The Stewardship Committee

Clark Brownlee, Bill Craddock, Greg Fearn, Iris McKay, Glenn Neufeld

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?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is Remembrance Day Service. We would like to invite anyone involved in the Armed Forces, past or present, to lay the wreath during the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 8th at 10:30 am. Please send an email to the church office or speak to Rev. Karen Lumley if you are able to do this. Last year we shared stories of fathers, brothers and uncles who served our country in war times. This year I would like to give people the opportunity to share about women who served. If anyone is interested in doing this please contact Rev. Karen Lumley so we can incorporate your story into our Remembrance Day Service.

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, h, 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!

Bible Study will not be meeting until the restrictions for gatherings of more than 5 are lifted. As soon as they are we will meet that Tuesday.

Sunday School: Sunday School is available for children from nursery to grade 8, all COVID protocols are followed. Call the church office to pre-register your children or just come on the day.

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Matthew 25:1-13



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