

STEWARDSHIP

MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Sunday, November 15, 2020



Called to Be the Church is the theme of the Stewardship Campaign for 2020. We are called to be the church in these COVID days when church is not in the building rather it is on line, pastoral care and visits are done on the phone or by Zoom and the Church meets wherever God's people are at home and whenever God's people want to gather. As we Count our Many Blessings let us be reminded of God's love and blessings in our lives.

In the midst of these different days let us find new ways to share in the mission of our Church through sharing of our time, talents and gifts of money so that St. Andrew's can continue be a blessing in our community and world.

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

In-Church Services Suspended at St. Andrew's

The number of new covid-19 cases in Manitoba continues to climb at alarming rates. Effective November 12, all of Manitoba has been designated as Critical (Red) on the Pandemic Response Scale with new restrictions to limit social contact and to close non-essential businesses. The Directive specifies that community, cultural and religious activities are to be provided on a virtual basis only. That is exactly what St. Andrew's has been doing for the past two Sundays and we will continue that practice. The services are recorded in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings with a small group of people (all well social distanced) and then streamed later on the St. Andrew's Facebook page. These ever changing circumstances are disappointing but It is our utmost priority to keep our church community and the general public we interact with safe. Be assured that we will re-start Sunday services in our church building when covid case counts decline and it is deemed safe to do so. We will keep our congregation posted.

St. Andrew's Re-Opening Committee



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: Be still my Soul (Finlandia) *arr. Robert Hobby*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP-Greg Fearn

OPENING HYMN: **VU 506** Take my life vs. 1-2

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather today, proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing.

CANDLE LIGHTING

SOLO: Sarah Corey "Great is thy Faithfulness" from **VU 288**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU 506** Take my life vs. 3-4

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:14-30

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU 506** Take my life vs. 5

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER: (The Worship Annual 20202)

**Gracious God, you call us to respond to our love with love.
Transform these gifts we offer this day into light and love for our world.
Transform our talents into blessings for a world in need. Amen.**

ANTHEM: Be thou my vision" by Jeff Enns (Text - **VU 642**)

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

(Cheryl Curtis and Faith March-MacCuish, Called to be the Church Program)

Response: We thank you for the gift of life.

We thank you for the gift of love.

We thank you for the gift of compassion.

We thank you for the gift of challenge.

We thank you for the gift of our call to discipleship.

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: Here I am, Lord *arr. Mark Hayes*

The Anthem this week

The ancient text of “Be thou my vision” has stood the tests of time, and remains a great favorite in the hymn books of many denominations, likely because of its vivid profound insights and vivid imagery. The text is often attributed to Dallan Forgaill in the 8th century; in any case, this text had been a part of Irish monastic tradition for centuries before the hymn itself was written. It was translated from Old Irish into English by Mary E. Byrne in “Eriú,” *Journal of the School of Irish Learning*, in 1905. The English text was first versified by Eleanor H. Hull in 1912, and in both *Voices United* and in this anthem, the language has been further modified.

As a hymn, it is sung to a traditional Irish melody, “Slane”, and we have previously turned to the lovely arrangement by English composer, John Rutter. This is a version by Jeff Enns of Waterloo, Ontario, whose setting of the United Church Creed we have sung a couple of times. He introduces the initial verses to a new melody, and then matches with the familiar tune “Slane”.

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!

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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

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on Study Leave November 16-23. She will be planning and working on Advent services and Christmas Services. Rev. Ken DeLisle will be our guest preacher that Sunday.

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 will be postponed until we are out of the status of Winnipeg changes from Red to Orange. Lessons will be sent out every week for the children

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Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

