

Transgenderism

loving what is created by God,
hidden from our view

Sunday, November 22, 2020



A special welcome to Rev. Ken Delisle who is our guest preacher today.

Welcome to all who are attending the service at St. Andrew's and

Welcome to everyone online who join us at a later date..

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

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: Voluntary in D major *John Stanley*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

If you come troubled, may you find peace;

if lonely, may you find friendship;

if in doubt, may you find faith;

if happy, share your joy with others.

We welcome all persons who seek to live in faith, regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, differently-abled condition, economic or cultural background; and we affirm that they are full participants in the life, work membership and leadership of this church. From Young United Church

OPENING HYMN: **MV 1** Let Us Build a House vs 1 & 2

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: **MV 1** Let Us Build a House vs 3 & 4

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Fred Cross—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord - Setting of Psalm 100 by Michael Head

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Make a joyful noise, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God.

It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good.

His mercy is everlasting,

And his truth endureth to all generations.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1, Romans 9, Psalm 139 read by Rita Swan

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

HYMN **MV 161** I Have Called You by Your Name Verses 1 & 3

SERMON

HYMN: **MV 161** I Have Called You by Your Name Verses 4 & 1

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER:

May our offerings bring joy to us as we give peace to the afflicted, caring to the neglected, and hope to the oppressed. **Bless the work of our hands, the creativity of our souls, and the generosity of our hearts that are inherent in our offerings. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response: Gracious God **hear us as we pray.**

PRAYER OF JESUS pg. 914/916

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: Rejoice ye pure in heart (Tune - Marion, by Arthur Messiter) *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

RESOURCES:

[In the Image of God: Transgender Day of Remembrance Service:](#)

By Jordan Sullivan; [International Transgender Day of Remembrance Service](#)

With Call To Worship by Joanna Fontaine-Crawford; Prayers of the People based on a prayer by Ruth Wood, from the worship service "Speaking Our Truth" for the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia)

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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Ken DeLisle is a retired Diaconal minister and has served in 4 Conferences over the years as an Intentional Interim. He is married to Rev. John Robertson and they have fostered 8 teenagers. He is member of Rainbow Harmony Choir and occasionally appears as Crystal Clear or other female characters. Ken last served at Prairie Spirit, here in Winnipeg. His current anthem that keeps him going is, How Can I Keep From Singing?

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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

Sunday, November 29 is the First Sunday of Advent. We will be celebrating communion together please bring your elements when you watch the service so that you can participate with us.

Wreaths are for sale. Pre-order by calling or emailing the church office or Karen @klumley@standrewsriverheights.com. The proceeds are for Oak Table for their bathrooms for the homeless at Oak Table.

Oak Table is a community ministry of 1JustCity, the United Church of Canada and works with the homeless. Money is being raised for new washrooms and here is why they are needed, "All God's children need a washroom. Using a washroom is right, not a privilege. Can I use your washroom? NO! is the answer for Winnipeggers who are homeless"

Let's help and buy a Wreath! Cost is \$20.00 with curbside drop off. Money can be left in your mailbox on the day of delivery or a cheque can be mailed in to the church. Wreaths become available after December 5th. Order yours now!

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church at the corner of Oak Street & Kingsway will be lighting a "Memory Tree" on the Oak Street side of the church grounds on December 13, 2020. We will maintain proper social distancing to follow COVID protocol and wear masks.

This is a marvelous way for the community to dedicate lights in memory of deceased family members and friends. Lights are available for a minimum donation of \$10 each and the names of remembered people will appear in a permanent Memory Book which will be on display at the church. You will also receive a beautiful keepsake card for each light you purchase. Tax receipts will also be mailed out.

The lighting will take place promptly at 5:00 preceded by a few words and a prayer outside. We will be following all of the COVID protocols –wearing masks, 6 feet apart and outside. You may also remain in your cars and watch the lighting.

If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off the order form available on the website by December 11, 2020 with a cheque. The lights will shine continuously from December 13, 2020 to the end of the year, warming your neighbourhood and many hearts.

