



Sunday, Sep 19, 2021



GOOD NEWS! We are able to gather again and for those of us here today, that is important. Others will be joining us later in the day or week to view the service. It is good to be here today! I have missed gathering together at St. Andrew's however, I have found worshipping online an unexpected gift of COVID.

Let us enjoy worshipping together whether it is in person, in the sanctuary or online at home.

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

It is with great excitement that we are once again able to meet as community on Sunday morning. As you have noticed there are several protocols in place to help keep everyone safe during these uncertain times.

We are asking that those who attend have been fully vaccinated (young children who as yet can't be vaccinated are of course welcome).

As you can expect, there will be some differences from the usual routine. You will be familiar with these basics.

- Face masks will be required as you enter the building. A reminder to use hand sanitizer when you enter.
- We are requesting that you enter through the Kingsway St. (east side) door. Only those with mobility issues who require use of the elevator should enter through the Oak St. entrance.
- A Greeter will welcome you at a desk in the narthex to record your attendance. It just allows us to keep a record of all attenders in case any follow-up contact were required.
- An Usher will then escort you to a sanctuary seat. A seating plan is in place to mark '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.

We may feel church is different, it is! We may feel it is too rigid, just remember we are doing all of these things for the safety of us all. Jesus calls us to be love one another let us love one another by doing all we can to keep each other safe.



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: Prelude on 'Darwall' (Rejoice, the Lord is King!) *Healey Willan*

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!

HYMN: **VU820** Make A Joyful Noise

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: **VU 232** Joyful Joyful

CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind *Music by C.H.H. Parry, 1888*
Words by John Greeleaf Whittier, 1872

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:30-37 read by Ruth McKenzie
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU595** We Are Pilgrims vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:
We are called to be servants of all.
Sung response: **VU948**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **182MV** Grateful
Grateful for the life you give us,
Thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
Thankful for your Holy Word,
Joyful in your mercy flowing,
We will praise you.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU429** May the Blessing of God Be Upon You

May the blessing of God be upon you.

May God's love light all your way.

May the grace of Christ enfold you

And peace around you stay.

May the Spirit of God dwell within you.

May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE: Dialogue sur 'Te Deum' (We praise you, God) *Denis Bedard*

Announcements

Thanks to our reader Ruth McKenzie and quartet Sarah Witiuk, Nicki LeGrand, Chris Donlevy and Fred Cross for offering their gifts in the service today.

Remember in prayer Herb Ball, brother of Susan Bolton, who is in palliative care at Seven Oaks. Remember Herb's wife Katy Kristjanson and Susan Bolton and her family as they walk together in this journey. Be with them all.

Remember Jim Richtitlik and his family in your prayers, his wife Pat passed away on Monday, September 6th - she is forever released from her suffering.

Remember Gordon McDiarmid in our prayers he is in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

Sunday School is Happening! Children up to grade 9 can leave for Sunday School after the Children's time. Nursery care is available in the lounge upstairs where all Sunday School children are meeting at this time.

Good News! The Church office is open so come visit Charlotte and Karen. You may enter through the Oak Street doors which are now open all day, just wear your mask and follow protocols for Covid.

Scripture Readings for next week:

*Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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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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Services of Celebration of Life

Betty Anne Marie Page, partner of Donald Radley and good friend of Carol McPhaden, passed away December 6th, 2020. Her life was celebrated at Wojcik's funeral home chapel on Wednesday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Roger Emile Jubinville, brother of Lou Jubinville (Betty) his life was celebrated at a private family service on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30p.m.

Helen Fearn, mother of Greg Fearn (Linda), her life was celebrated at St. Andrew's on Friday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.

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, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, 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, SEPTEMBER 19

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Rental—Hoyt (sanctuary) @ 9am

Rental—Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3:45pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

Council Meeting @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Rental—Flipside Opera (sanctuary) @ 12pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rental—Flipside Opera (sanctuary) @ 2pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

World Communion

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rental—Buenafe (sanctuary) @ 4pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Buenafe (sanctuary & auditorium) @ 1pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rental—Mayba (sanctuary) @ 11am

Rental—Donlevy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Rental—RCS (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Rental—Mayba (sanctuary) @ 11am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Worship @ 10:30am



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