



Sunday, Sep 26, 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: Aria with Variations *Giovanni Martini*

CENTERING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from The Worship Annual, Abingdon Press, 2021)

We are gathered today as a community of peace and love.

Is anyone here today suffering? **We will pray with you.**

Is anyone here today grieving? **We will comfort you.**

Is anyone here today rejoicing? **We will rejoice with you.**

You are welcome to this place of peace and love.

We come as we are, joyful, hurting and grieving.

We come to you O God, our Life-giver.

HYMN: **VU117** Jesus Christ is Waiting

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update from our Church Council

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: **VU582** There's A Spirit vs. 1, 4, 5 & 7

CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Keep Your Lamp Burning (*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jane Best*)

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Sister don't get weary 'till your work is done.

Brother don't stop praying 'till your work is done.

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't stop singing 'till your work is done.

Keep your lamp trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ester 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 read by Anne Grewar

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU686** God of Grace vs. 1, 2 & 4

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916:

We are called to seek justice for 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 (from The Worship Annual, Abingdon Press, 2021)
 Brothers and sisters, we have walked in peace with one another today.
Let us take this peace into our week.
 Brothers and sisters, we have tasted the joy of sharing our burdens and our joys.
Let us flavor our lives this week with compassion and love for others.
 In the name of God our Creator; and in the peace of Jesus our Brother;
 and in the power of the Holy Spirit go with God. Amen.

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: Prelude in G major *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Announcements

Thanks to our reader Anne Grewar and quartet Judy Oatway, Nicki LeGrand, Nolan Kehler and Paul Forget for offering their gifts in the service today.

Remember in prayer Susan Bolton and her family in the passing of her brother Herb Ball. Remember Herb's wife Katy Kristjanson and her family during this time.

Remember Joyce Barber in our prayers she is in Palliative Care at the Poseidon. Remember in prayer John & Collette, Kera and Sondra at this time

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.

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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September 30th, Manitoba recognizes the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation & Declares it a Holiday. Pick up orange ribbon from the church at the service and wrap it around a tree, a pole or fence around your home to let others know we are on the journey of reconciliation and with others mourn the children from the Residential Schools who never came home.

October is Stewardship month and we will be reflecting on the Theme of Wisdom through the Psalms. Join us as we sing the Psalms and reflect on the meaning of Wisdom and Wonder.

Sunday, October 3 is World Communion Sunday. We will be celebrating communion and supplying packaged individual cups and wafers for those present on Sunday morning. For those joining on line bring your elements to the service if you would like to participate in communion.

If you or anyone you know has a special birthday, anniversary or celebration coming up let us know so that we can announce it.

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?

Scripture Readings for next week:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16
*Psalm 104

Coming Up...

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



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