



Sunday, October 24, 2021



Our Stewardship series began on World Wide Communion Sunday and will continue for the month of October. Each Sunday we explore Wisdom as seen through the Psalms. Wisdom is the root of gratitude. In order to be grateful we need to be wise to the movement of God in our lives. The first Sunday we explored wisdom through the wonder of creation. The second Sunday we celebrated Thanksgiving reflecting on the wisdom for the road on our journey of life. Last week we reflected on wisdom from the bench.

This week we reflect on Wisdom in the Round.

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 so refreshing to be back for in-person services in the sanctuary at St. Andrew's. And we are continuing, for the time being, with the online option for those for which that fits their particular situation.

We strongly encourage 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

(Resources Adapted from UCC Stewardship Resources)

GATHERING: The Peace (from 'Music for the Royal Fireworks') *G. F. Handel*

GREETING/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LAND

Welcome in the name of Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the Traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota Nations and homeland of the Métis Nation.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship and wonder.

It is good to be here. It is good to be together.

It is good to be together here in this place and it is good to connect on line.

Let us prepare to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP- Jan Demeduk

HYMN: **VU326** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CANDLELIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Once upon a time, God, you delivered your people and gave them liberty.

And now, God do it again!

You gave food to the hungry and sight to the blind.

And now, do it again!

You blessed all creatures of the Earth and declared your creation good.

And now, God, do it again!

And as we join in worship together this morning and on line during the week,

remind us of the rain that comes after the drought to fill our lives with blessing.

Come, let us worship, God giving thanks for the abundance of our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU678** For the Healing of the Nations

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: With a Voice of Singing (*Martin Shaw*)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered all people, alleluia!

O be joyful in the God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honour of God's name, make our praise to be glorious!

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING: Responsive Psalm 126 **VU850** read by Rob Siddall

Each **R** is Refrain 1

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU684** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Open our eyes.

Sung response: **VU948**

THE LORD’S PRAYER pg. 914/916:

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

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: Minuet and The Rejoicing (*from ‘Music for the Royal Fireworks’*) *G. F. Handel*

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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Announcements

Thanks to our reader Rob Siddall and quintet: Judy Oatway, Nicki LeGrand, Nolan Kehler, Paul Forget and Katy Harmer for offering their gifts in the service today.

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.

Our Thanksgiving gift this month is collection mayonnaise and cans of meat such as tuna, ham (larger cans if possible as each one has to be opened individually). We will collect them at the church and our volunteers will deliver them to the Oak Table Ministry.

The Outreach Committee will meet after church on Sunday, November 7th in the Lounge.

Andrew Webster, one of our young adults accepted a position with the City of Red Deer Archives in Alberta. He has moved there and started work on October 15, 2021.

Gordon McDiarmid is in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

Thanks to Gordon Shawcross, Bill Craddock and Tyler Craddock for fixing the heaving sidewalk out front. Also, thanks to Tyler for welding together the railing at the front of the church.

Thanks to Gordon & Kay Shawcross, John & Rita Swan who worked hard at creating plexiglass screens so that all readers and minister alike could remove their masks while speaking.

Our Remembrance Day Service is Sunday, November 7th. If you have stories to share of relatives who were involved in war time activities, especially women, contact Rev. Karen Lumley if you would be willing to share your story at the service.

"The Stewardship package that has been discussed over the past few weeks will be mailed out to you in mid-November. Please respond prayerfully and generously."

Bible Study has begun! Come join us Wednesday's at 9:30am until 10:30am in the lounge. We will be studying Ecclesiastes Chapter 4.

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

Scripture Readings for next week:

Ruth 1:11-18

*Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

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?



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