



Sunday, October 31, 2021



Our Stewardship series began on World Wide Communion Sunday and continued 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. The third Sunday we reflected on wisdom from the bench. The fourth Sunday we reflected on wisdom in the circle of life-wisdom in the round. Today we complete our series on Wisdom in the Psalms and we celebrate with gratitude for "All the Saints". It is a Hallelujah Sunday where we find wisdom in the holy happening. Come celebrate with us!

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

GATHERING: Gavotte from 'Holberg Suite' *Edvard Grieg*

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 – Bill Craddock

HYMN: **VU236** Now Thank We All Our God

CANDLELIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Come and celebrate God's presence!

We come to celebrate our journey together.

Come and celebrate this community of saints!

We celebrate with all communities of saints down through the ages,

From generation to generation.

You have blessed your church, O God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU216** Sing Praises to God, Who Reigns Above

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter) *Text VU226*

SCRIPTURE READING: Responsive Psalm 146 **VU868** read by Fred Cross

Each **R** is Refrain 1

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

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - The Heav'ns are Praising the Lord of Creation, Beethoven

The heav'ns are praising the Lord of creation,

Let all come forth and join the cry;

Lift high a song in this great celebration,

Rejoice, now sing to God on high!

Proclaim the Lord of salvation with singing,

Give praise to God, who reigns above!

On earth and sea, hear the loud voices ringing,

Sing praise to God, the King of love!

SERMON

O When the Saints Go Marching In

....A Holy Happening. We wouldn't want to miss it.

**Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marchin' in.**

..A celebration to end all celebrations!
**And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Oh, how I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine.**

...Let's join the holy number.
**Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.**

**Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marchin in.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

HYMN: **VU603** In Loving Partnership We Come

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

With gratitude and with all the saints we pray...
Sung response: **VU948**

THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916: A Paraphrase
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heav-

en:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love now and forever. 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: Prelude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22) *Charles Villiers Stanford*

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 quintet: Judy Oatway, Susanne Reimer, Chris Donlevy, Katy Harmer and Fred Cross, who will also be reading the scripture, for offering their gifts in the service today. A thank you also to Bill Craddock for his minute of stewardship.

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.

Thanks to all who gave to our Thanksgiving gift of food for Oak Table-1JustCity.

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

Gordon McDiarmid is in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Day Service. We would like to invite anyone involved in the Armed Forces, past or present, to lay the wreath during the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 7th at 10:30 am. Please send an email to the church office or speak to Rev. Karen Lumley if you are able to do this.

Bible Study has begun! Come join us Wednesday's at 9:30am until 10:30am in the lounge. We will be studying Ecclesiastes 5.

"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."

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

Donations to the church can be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer for an E-transfer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalms 127 (VU 851)

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

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In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

