



Sunday, November 14, 2021



Last month was Stewardship Month, World Communion and Thanksgiving. This past week we celebrated Remembrances Day and now for the next few weeks until Advent we rest in the Hope of God's presence in our faith journey knowing that God is at work in our world. We wait for the coming of the Christ Child even now for he is the Hope of the World.

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 on-line option for those for which that fits their particular situation.

Please note the announcement above that St. Andrew's will be implementing a policy requiring proof of vaccination beginning Sunday, November 14.

We continue with the following basics to keep everyone.

- Face masks are required as you enter the building. A reminder to use hand sanitizer when you enter.
- Please 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 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.
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The church office is open during the week and you can enter the building through the Oak St. door. Health restrictions require you to wear a face mask once inside the building.



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: Vesper Voluntaries *Edward Elgar*

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

CENTERING WORDS

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

HYMN: **VU218** We Praise You, O God

CANDLELIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (The Worship Annual 2021)

Christ is waiting here for us.

To welcome us.

To show you the path of life.

To love us.

To hear our prayers.

To be present with us always.

Come and worship.

We are here to praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU278** In the Quiet Curve of Evening

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Cantate Domino (*Giuseppe Pitoni*)

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

O sing unto the Lord a new song:
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 read by
Colleen Watters

SOLO: Sarah Witiuk - "We Walk with God"
Music & Lyrics by Mary E Caldwell

We place our hands in thine, dear Lord,
To walk serene where thou art nigh.
We see thy face, where beauty shines
In rainbow hue or starlit sky.

We hear thy voice in murm'ring rain,
We know thy strength in forest broad,
Where tall trees in solemn majesty
Point leafy fingertips to God.

We give our hearts to thee, dear Lord,
May we by faith come near to thee.
We place our trust in thee, dear Lord,
Keep thou the mind and spirit free.

We know thy world is wondrous fair.
We pray that peace may keep it so.
Touch thou our lives with thy great love!
Then shall each face thy beauty show.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU878** Song of Hannah

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Compassionate God, we worry.
Sung response: **VU948**

THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 914/916: A Translation
Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory 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: Fantasia *Johann Krebs*

Announcements

Thanks to our quartet: Sarah Witiuk, Nicki LeGrand, Chris Donlevy & Fred Cross. Thank you to Colleen Watters who will be reading the scripture and thank you to Derek Morphy who will be conducting the anthem for offering their gifts in the service today.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on holidays from Wednesday, November 24th to Thursday, December 2nd. She will be in Ontario celebrating her mom's 90th Birthday with family and friends. Rev. Heather Robbins will be our guest minister that Sunday.

The Cookie Walk has returned but has been modified to meet current restrictions. Boxes will be pre-packaged and each box will contain 3 dozen homemade cookies consisting of shortbread and an assortment of cookies. The price per box is \$15.00. To order cookies, please complete the order form or contact Charlotte in the church office, there are extra copies of the order form in the narthex. Cookies will be available for pick up on December 4th from 9:00 to 10:00am or Sunday December 5 after the service. Order early as quantities are limited.

Note to all Council and Interest group members: we require your support to make this a successful event. Please sign up to make cookies. To the congregation, we need your help to make this event a success. All donations welcome. Please deliver the cookies to the church on Thursday December 3. More information to follow.

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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Wreaths are for sale. Pre-order by calling or emailing the church office or Karen at: klumley@standrewsriverheights.com. The proceeds are for Just A Warm Sleep (JAWS), which is a part of 1 just City. There are copies of the order forms in the narthex. They become available after December 8th, they are now \$30 each.

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 12, 2021**. The short service, prayer and lighting of the tree will be recorded and posted later on the church website online.

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 per each name of the remembered person will also 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.

There will be a short service in the sanctuary at 4:45pm with the lighting taking place promptly at 5:00pm. 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 below by December 10, 2021 with a cheque. The lights will shine continuously from December 12, 2021 to the end of the year, warming your neighbourhood and many hearts.

Kathy Knowles is in Ghana this month at the OSU Children's Libraries. Remember her in your prayers in her continued work with the children and their families in the literary work there. Books in the hands of the children is her goal.

Gordon McDiarmid is in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

Bible Study continues! Come join us Wednesday's at 9:30am until 10:30am in the lounge. We will be studying Ecclesiastes 7.

"The Stewardship package that has been discussed over the past few weeks will be mailed out to you soon. 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.

Scripture Readings for next week:

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

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, 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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