



**Sunday, November 21, 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: Entrada *Noel Rawsthorne*

### 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 continue to worship God.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update from our Church Council - Anne Grewar

HYMN: **VU327** All Praise to Thee

### CANDLELIGHTING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: Written by Rita Swan

Today is both the end and climax of the Christian year. Pay Attention! For the Lord is King!

As the Lord has said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. As disciples of God, we come to hear the Lord's declaration.

**We are called to give God glory, honor and praise as we enter this place.**

Blessings on you, O Lord, King of the universe, who has delivered us from sin and death.

**By your Being, you have brought your people in to your kingdom.**

God has elated Jesus and at the name every knee shall bow.

**Jesus, a name above every name. Every tongue shall confess him the King of Glory.**

Come, disciples of God, regardless of what our eyes may see --- GOD IS!

**We are encouraged and have reason to come, as God alone is Alpha and Omega.**

Pay attention! The Lord is King! The Lord on high is majestic and awesome; stronger than the sea and louder than fireworks. Beauty and Holiness are God's rule. Let us praise Christ the King!

**Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end is our God. Amen.**

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU213** Rejoice, the Lord is King

### CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: Jubilate in B-flat (*Stanford*)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:33-37 read by Judy Oatway

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

SOLO: Judy Oatway - Sing ye a joyful song. (*Psalms 98:1-8*) *Composer: Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904)*

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,

Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things.

Praise the Lord all the earth !

Sing praises, shout and be joyful.

Let the sea roar and all that is therein.

The round world and all they that dwell there.

Lift your voices, floods and tempests.

Mountains, clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn, and let all the trees of the forest be joyful !

### SERMON

HYMN: **VU356** Seek Ye First the Kingdom

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Compassionate God listen.

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, forever 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: All praise to Thee (*Sine Nomine*) Tune: *Ralph Vaughan Williams, Arranged: Robert Hobby*

### Announcements

**Thanks to our** quintet: Susanne Reimer, Nolan Kehler, Paul Forget, Katy Harmer & Judy Oatway who will also be reading the scripture, 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. If Pastoral Care is needed when Rev. Karen Lumley is away on holidays please Contact Rev. Loraine McKenzie Shepherd at 204-775-8817

**The Cookie Walk has returned** but has been modified to meet current restrictions. Boxes will be prepackaged 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.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>, they are now \$30 each. The deadline for orders is December 5th.

**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.

**The Stewardship package** that has been discussed over the past few weeks has been mailed out. Please respond prayerfully and generously.

**Gordon McDiarmid & Robert Cleland** are in Palliative Care at the Grace Hospice.

**Friday, December 10th** there will be a virtual tour of the Human Right's Museum to honour The Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day. This is an Outreach Interest Group initiative and You can watch it online at home (we will supply the link) or come to the church and watch with others on Friday, December 10 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Come early as the tour starts at 6:30pm. Sign up by calling or emailing the church office and let us know if you are coming in person or need the link See you there!

### 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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**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.

**Come and help to decorate the church for Christmas.** On Friday, November 25th from 9:00-3:00 the decorations are brought upstairs and on Saturday, November 26 from 9:00-2:00 the trees are decorated. Come and help with our Christmas decorating.

**Bible Study** has been changed to Monday just for next week, November 22 from 9:30am-10:30am. We will be studying Ecclesiastes chapter 8 & 9.

#### **Scripture Readings for next week:**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

#### **General Protocols for Reception for Derek Morphy**

- Remember to keep your face masks on as you proceed down to the church auditorium. Please leave a reasonable amount of space in the line-up to enter the auditorium.
- We have arranged for seating (5 seats) around the larger round tables and for groups of two (or three) at the smaller card tables. Choose what is comfortable for you.
- Once you are seated, you can remove your mask and enjoy lunch.
- Lunch is contained in pre-packaged clamshell style containers at each seat location. A selection of sandwiches, cheese, veggie, fruit and dainty.
- Masks should be removed only when eating, drinking or speaking from the podium behind plexiglass.
- Coffee/tea will be served at the tables. We ask that you remain seated during lunch, followed by a short program.
- Washrooms are available below the narthex and by the hallway to the elevator.
- Enjoy the celebration!

#### **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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