



Sunday, November 28, 2021



Advent is here! A time for waiting! A time to reflect on the coming Christ Child.

As we anticipate the birth of Jesus we light candles. Each Sunday we light candles:

The First Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Angels

The Second Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Shepherds.

The Third Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of the Magi.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent we light the Candle of Mary.

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

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Family Service Friday December 24th at 12pm: Pre-recorded and viewable online. This was performed by our youth.

Christmas Eve Communion Friday December 24th at 9:15pm.

Lessons and Carols Friday December 24th at 10:00pm

The evening services will be recorded and edited and will be available as soon as possible after Christmas



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: Saviour of the nations, come! (Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland) *J. S. Bach*

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: **VU1** O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

CANDLELIGHTING: The Candle of The Angels – **VU38** Angels We Have Heard on High vs.1

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Give us peace, O God...in our waiting

Let us not miss the moments as they slip by;

Give us peace, O God...in our longing.

Let us not forget to appreciate the present.

Living in hope of a future touched by grace, a gift greater than we can imagine.

Let us live out our time immersed in your goodness.

May we worship this day in holiness and peace.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU4** Come, God of All Places

CHILDREN'S TIME: "The Sparkle Box" by Jill Hardie, illustrated by Christine Komacki

ANTHEM: Sans Day Carol (Traditional *arr. Rutter*)

1. Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the hol-ly!*

2. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross.

3. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,

And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all.

4. Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead.

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Sarah Witiuk

1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsive Psalm: **VU752** Psalm 25, Refrain 2

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

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

SOLO: Chris Donlevy - "If with all your hearts" *from Elijah*

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,

Ye shall ever surely find Me."

Thus saith our God.

Oh! That I knew where I might find Them,
That I might even come before Their presence.

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,

Ye shall ever surely find Me."

Thus saith our God

SERMON

HYMN: **VU713** I See a New Heaven

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Holy One on our journeys

Sung response: **VU10** Prepare the Way of the Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER **VU916**: A Paraphrase

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU74** What Child is This vs. 3

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;

come, one and all, to own him.

The King of Kings salvation brings;

let loving hearts enthrone him.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU17** O Ancient Love vs. 1

O ancient love, processing through the ages;

O hidden love, revealed in human form;

O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:

O living Love, within our hearts be born,

O living Love, within our hearts be borne.

POSTLUDE: Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes (*Richmond*) *Settings by Paul Manz and Alan Viner*

Announcements

Thanks to our quintet: Nicki LeGrand, Chris Donlevy, Fred Cross Forget, Katy Harmer & Sarah Witiuk who will also be reading the scriptures, 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

Thank you to all who participated in Derek's celebration last Sunday. It was a huge success.

Drivers are needed to drop off wreaths if anyone is interested, please contact the church office.

Sunday, December 5th we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion. Elements are supplied for those who attend church those online please bring your elements if you wish to participate in communion.

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 8th, 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.

Robert Cleland passed away on Tuesday November 23rd in the evening. Remember Verla and her family in your prayers at this time.

Gordon McDiarmid is 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!

Bible Study is postponed this week due to Karen being on holidays.

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.

A huge congratulations to Karlin Mann of Oak St Nursery for winning the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education out of the whole province of Manitoba! You can read the full article online or linked through the eblast. What a wonderful and well-deserved achievement! :)

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:

Malachi 3:1–4
Luke 1:68–79
Philippians 1:3–11
Luke 3:1–6

A bio on Heather Robbins, Diaconal Minister, retired.

I am a graduate of the Centre for Christian Studies that I entered later in life after 30 years of a career in nursing. I was married to Don Robbins, who died in 2015. We had 3 children...Jason who lives in Winnipeg with his partner Kristen and my 2 granddaughters, Aela in 2nd year at the U of M and Cassidy who is in Grade 10 at Grant Park School. My daughter Brenda lives in Vancouver. Lisa and her partner Dave and their Havanese dog Rocco recently moved from Toronto to Oakville, Ontario.

I enjoy reading novels and non-fiction. I love music that fills my soul. - classical, jazz and hymns...I have a cat - Charlie - who is great company for me.

I am in a covenanted relationship with Westworth United Church and enjoy sharing in joint services with St. Andrew's River Heights UC.

I served communities of faith in Birtle, Isabella and Minota Pastoral Charge for 9 years and then in Stony Mountain - Lilyfield Pastoral Charge and retired in 2017.

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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