



Sunday, September 18, 2022



It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone, with fall activities fast approaching. Everyone is back to school, holidays are over, and new schedules are emerging, which look to be as busy as ever.

Let's take some time to reflect on the past year, while at the same time anticipate the excitement of a new church year beginning and all of the activities that entails. There is a long list of events, activities and things to be involved in. Sign up and be a part of what is happening here at St. Andrew's

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 elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE: Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

BIBLE STUDY: We meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

BOOK CLUB: We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! [Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

OUTREACH: Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS: Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer at j.demeduk@hotmail.com

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea. If you are interested, email the church office at office@standrewsriverheights.com.

Remember in prayer

James Smith Cree Nation and the tragedy there of 10 killed and 15 injured. Pray for the families of those injured and killed and the Cree nation that mourns the death of family and friends.



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: *Prelude* Louis Vierne

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (*The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022*)

Is God not in Zion?

Is there no ruler to lead us?

Search for the Lord for God waits where we least expect it.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no healer to help us?

Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

Is there no hope left to be found?

Is there nowhere to turn?

Place your trust in the Lord whose compassion comes speedily to meet us.

Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

We will enter God's gates with hope and gladness.

HYMN: **VU232** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

♪ Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory life, life and love;

hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;

giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven, reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!

Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning start began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life. ♪

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

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 online.

Let us continue to worship with our God.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

HYMN: **VU307** *Touch the Earth Lightly*

♪ Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and marking us one. ♪

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*
(Pepper Choplin)

Beloved, let us love one another
With love that comes from God.

For love is from God,
And everyone who loves is born of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God,
For God is love.

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Bernard Boland
Response Psalm: **VU793** Psalm 79
Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

QUINTET: *There is a Balm in Gilead* (William L. Dawson)
There is a balm in Gilead,
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead,
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say, "He died for all."

SERMON

HYMN: **VU312** *Praise with Joy*
♪ **Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.**

**Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and strange, guest and host.**

**Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.**

**Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected:
God is One and One in Three. ♪**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Be ready, **to listen carefully, speak humbly and offer help.**
Sung response: **MV123** *Day After Day*
**Day after day, night after night,
you speak through everything.**

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU299** *Teach Me, God, to Wonder* vs.1
**Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU228** *Sing Praises to God* vs. 4
**Sing praises to God! Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured, all ages along:
for love in creation, for hope spread abroad,
for grace of salvation, sing praises to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Toccata and Fugue in B flat major*
Johann Pachelbel

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service. A big thank you to our singers today and to our quintet consisting of Katy Harmer, Judy Oatway, Sarah Witiuk, Susanne Reimer, and Andrea Bellhouse. and to our scripture reader, Bernard Boland, thank you so much.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Rental—Manitoba Underground

Opera (lounge) @ 10am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Council Meeting (board room) @

7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Choir @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Worship @ Westworth 10am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Choir @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Worship Meeting (lounge) @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Choir @ 7:30pm

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who helped make Celebration Sunday happen! It was so wonderful to be together outside and have one of our events again!

Bible Study will be starting Tuesday, October 18th, please note the change from Wednesdays to Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

Sunday, September 25th there will no service at St. Andrew's. As part of our partnering with Westworth, our Affirming mandate and our desire to walk with Indigenous people in the healing walk of reconciliation we will be attending the Sunday worship service, "Walking the Paths: from the Truth of Residential Schools to Reconciliation." Service is at 10:00 am with lunch to follow. Please sign up for the lunch.

Remember in Prayer:

Lu MacLeod passed away on September 2nd, 2022. A service will be held on Saturday, October 1st.

Robert Graham, son of Joe Graham and stepson of Carolyn Graham, passed away July 15th, 2022. A service is to be held at 603 Wellington Crescent at the Unitarian Church on October 12th, 2022, at 2:00 pm.

Joyce Fry passed away on August 9th, 2022. Mother and mother-in-law to Jason Fry and Michelle Senkiw, grandmother to Meagan and Lucas.

Louella Rutledge passed away on August 23rd, 2022. Remember her family in your prayers.

A service is to be held at Chapel Lawn, on October 11th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



Stewardship
Seconds

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

Joyce Barber passed away on September 27th, 2021. Her interment will be held on September 30th, 2022 at Brookside Cemetery.

Sue Bolton, has had surgery and is at home recuperating.

Got any loose change? The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their new breakfast program.

Scripture Readings for Next week

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

or Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

or Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



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