

JUSTICE

Sunday, October 16, 2022



Thanksgiving Sunday has come and gone however, let us continue to live in gratitude for all God has given us. Grateful for family, friends, church and a faith community that is there with us supporting us in our living.

May we continue to count our many blessings and name them one by one.

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/>.

Postlude and Clapping

Over the past few years it has become customary, some will call it obligatory, to clap for the Postlude. As organist I appreciate the sentiment of support and gratitude this gesture extends while at the same time asking the question - is it worshipful? There are moments in our worship which seem to demand a response - applause or 'Amen'. Sometimes that response happens, other times there is an awkwardness that 'hangs in the air'. I wonder if the applause which seems directed at the Postlude is actually an affirmation of everything that we have experienced during the service, like a communal gesture of gratitude for all our blessings. This seems appropriate to me.

At any rate I believe the perceived need to applaud after the Postlude has become awkward. I would like to suggest that we agree to refrain from clapping. I will not be insulted. In fact I will be relieved that I no longer need to measure noise level as a judgment of the quality of my choice or my performance. To me it is enough that you take the time to listen to my offerings of music as part of our worship, and I expect nothing more.

I welcome further discussion of the matter. As ever I am happy to serve with the congregation in expressing our worship together.

Soli Deo Gloria - to God alone be the glory. *Wes Elias*



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: *Tune in E major* G. T. Thalben-Ball
In Thee is Gladness (In dir ist Freude) arr. Dale Wood

CENTERING WORDS

We gather as your people, Loving God.

Open our hearts to receive your love and your word.

Then may we live always in your presence, sharing your perspective and being persistent in efforts to build justice and compassion and peace in your world.

In the spirit of Christ, we live and we pray.

Amen.

HYMN: **VU242** *Let All Things Now Living*

♪ **Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving**

**to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and
stayed us,**

by guiding us on to the end of our days.

**God's banner are o'er us, pure light goes be-
fore us,**

**a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished,**

as forward we travel from light into Light.

**By law God enforces, the stars in their cours-
es**

**and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and
fountains,**

the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

**We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoic-
ing**

with glad adoration a song let us raise:

**till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosana and praise. ♪**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

Come into our lives, Jesus.

Help us to be faithful listeners.

Help us to be faithful servants.

**In all that we do, may we welcome you
and serve you as disciples. Amen.**

HYMN: **VU272** *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

♪ **Open your ears, O faithful people,**

open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O faithful people,

God now speaks to you.

(Refrain) **God has spoken to the people, hallelu-
jah!**

And the words of wisdom, hallelujah!

**They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear.**

**They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word. R ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SOLO: Derek Morphy - *Selections from The Crea-
tion by Joseph Haydn.*

*The text comes from the book of Genesis, and de-
scribes the creation of different animals: 'And God
said, "Let earth bring forth the living creatures."'*

*Listen for how the music reflects different animals
coming into being.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Anne Grewar

Luke 18:1-8

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

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

ANTHEM: *I Am Love* (Joseph M. Martin)

I am the wind, the breath of song.

I am the truth that rights the wrong.

I am the hope that brings the dawn.

I am love.

I am the sun that wakes the morn.

I am the heart where faith is born.

I am the peace beyond the storm.

I am the song of life.

I am a candle in the night.

The stars are vain without my light.

I am the voice of every dream.

I am joy of the redeemed.

I am the reason children sing.

I am love.

REFLECTION

I am the reason children sing.
I am love.

REFLECTION

HYMN: **MV12** *Come Touch Our Hearts*

♪Come touch our hearts that we may know
compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and
love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to
reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength re-
veal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless
our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gath-
ered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength and our all,
come touch us with your grace. ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remind us:

We are made by you and loved by you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: *Allegro maestoso* (from 2nd Organ
Sonata) Felix Mendelssohn

Announcements

Today we have a guest preacher- Rev. Ken
DeLisle

Ken DeLisle is a retired Diaconal minister and has
served in 4 Conferences over the years as an In-
tentional Interim.

He was married to Rev. John Robertson, who
passed away suddenly this past year and they
fostered 8 teenagers.

He is a member of Rainbow Harmony Choir and
occasionally appears as Crystal Clear or other fe-
male characters.

Ken last served at Prairie Spirit, here in Winni-
peg. His current anthem that keeps him going is,
How Can I Keep From Singing?

Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 18th at
9:30am. Scripture Focus is on Luke 18:9-14.

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!

A thank you today to our singers and to
our scripture reader, Anne Grewar.

Clergy	Rev. Karen Lumley	klumley@standrewsriverheights.com
Choir Director	Katy Harmer	music@standrewsriverheights.com
Organist	Wes Elias	weselias@mymts.net
Sunday School	Jan Demeduk	j.demeduk@hotmail.com
Council Chair	Rob Siddall	rgs123@mymts.net
Treasurer	Bill Craddock	wjcdlc@mymts.net
Church Office	Charlotte Lindsay	office@standrewsriverheights.com

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Rental—Alex Conway (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rental—Morgan Gregory (sanctuary & lounge) @ 9am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Choir @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Peace Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Book club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Choir @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Mary Campbell Celebration of Life

@2pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Reformation Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 12pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 9am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Rental—RHS Childcare (auditorium) @ 4pm

Choir @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 10am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Remembrance Day Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 10am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

Announcements

Upcoming Celebrations of Life

Saturday, October 29th at 2:00pm there is a celebration of Mary Campbell's life here at St. Andrew's. All are welcome to attend. Reception to follow at 3:00pm in the lounge upstairs.

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.



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

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, October 30 is All Saint's Day Sunday
- Sunday, November 6 is our Remembrance Day Service
- Sunday, November 13 is "Let's Talk Church"

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

Joel 2:23–32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 6-18

Luke 18:9-14



St. Andrew's River Heights United Church | 255 Oak Street, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3P7 | Sunday Services @ 10:30am
Phone: 204-488-1130 ~ Fax: 204-488-1132 | Rev. Karen Lumley Cell: 204-250-5073 Email: klumley@standrewsriverheights.com
Office Email: office@standrewsriverheights.com | Website: www.standrewsriverheights.com
Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm | Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!