



Sunday, October 23, 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: *Prelude #4 - Andante tranquillo* C.
V. Stanford
Let us with a gladsome mind (Monkland) arr.
Malcolm Archer

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: The Abingdon Worship Annual 2022.

God has called us to gather, old and young alike.

We are here to answer God's call.

Let us rejoice in the many gifts God has provided.

We are here to praise God's goodness.

Let us worship and God with all our might.

HYMN: **VU234** *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

♪ *Let us with a gladsome mind
praise our God, forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*God, with all commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light;
for God's mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living God does feed,
with full measure meets their need;
for God's mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us then with gladsome mind,
praise our God, forever kind;
whose great mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure. ♪*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Stewardship—Iris McKay

Minute for Council—Lisa Richards

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.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU639** *One More Step Along the World I Go*

♪ *One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go,
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should,
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough,
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

*You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you. ♪*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Praise the Lord* (Henry Purcell, arr. W.H. Anderson)

*Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore;
Praise, all angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice together;
Praise God all ye stars and light.*

*Praise the Lord for God hath spoken;
Worlds God's mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath God made.*

*Praise the Lord, for God is glorious;
Never shall God's promise fail;
God hath made the Saints victorious;*

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our Salvation;
Hosts on high, all power proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify God’s name.

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Derek Morphy
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 65 **VU782**
Gospel reading: Luke 18:9-14
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

way,
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

In the rests between the phrases,
in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.
In the melting down of endings,
in the cooling of the sun,
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - *The Publican*
(Beardsley van de Water)
Two men went up into the temple to pray;
the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
The Pharisee stood and pray’d within himself:
“God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men,
extortioners, unjust, or even as this publican, this publican;
I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.”

And the publican, standing a far off,
would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heav’n,
but smote upon his breast, saying,
“God be merciful unto me,
God be merciful unto me a sinner,
a sinner, be merciful unto me,
a sinner, O God, be merciful to me.”
I tell you, I tell you,
this man went down to his house justified,
justified rather than other,
for he that exalteth himself shall be abased;
and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted,
exalted, exalted, exalted.
“God be merciful unto me.”

SERMON

HYMN: **VU278** In the Quiet Curve of Evening
♪ In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sink of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
In the lapses of my breathing,
in the space between my

In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
In the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there. ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Humility does not come naturally to us, O God.
Sung response: **MV123** *Day After Day*
**Day after day, night after night,
you speak through everything.**

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: *Sortie* Louis Lefébure-Wély

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, to our soloist Susanne Reimer and to our scripture reader, Derek Morphy.

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Coming Up...

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

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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

Announcements

Bible Study is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying Ephesians 1:11-23.

Remember in prayer:

Holly McHaffie's father in Ottawa has covid and is in the hospital there.

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", with lunch after church

Scripture Readings for Next week

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalms 149

*Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Joan Stevenson is the new Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator. We thank her for taking on this responsibility.

The RCCO Winnipeg Centre will be hosting a Memorial Evensong on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church 256 Smith St.

The service will be led by Rev. Tanis Kolisnyk, Rev. Andrew Ramp-ton, the choral ensemble All the Kings Men directed by Charles Horton and various RCCO organ-ists. The lives of Helen Fearn, Duane Gaukel, Margaret Granger, Richard Greig, Karen Mallory, Bruce Mantle, Leonard Perry, Hartley Stinson, Herbert Wildeman and Rev. John Wortley, (friends and members of the RCCO) will be honoured in this service. All are welcome to attend.

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 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.

Gifts With Vision catalogues are available at the back of the church for pickup. It is a giving catalogue that is full of gifts that will transform people's lives throughout Canada and the world. Christmas gift-giving is easy and purposeful when you share the gift with someone in need. Supported by Mission & Service-United Church of Canada.

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 breakfast program.



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