

He Is

Risen!

Sunday, April 9, 2023



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until May 28th which is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until Pentecost. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.



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: *Agincourt Fanfare* John Dunstable

This joyful Eastertide (Vreuchten) arr. Dale Wood

Handbells – *Two Resurrection Hymns* (Christ Is Risen, Hallelujah! and Christ the Lord is Risen Today)

arr. Ron Mallory

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Prairie Spirit United Church*

For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked on this land.

The relationship with the land is at the center of our lives.

We acknowledge the first peoples and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

The land we worship and live on is part of Treaty 1.

Our water comes from Treaty 3 and our hydro from Treaty 5 territories.

We acknowledge errors made in the past by those arriving from other lands and we pledge to work towards the right relationships with all First Nations peoples.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2004-2005.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed.

She went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

INTROIT: *Hymn for Easter Day* (John Ness Beck)

Why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?

He is not here, for he is risen! Alleluia!

HYMN: **VU155** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

♪ **Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!**

our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!

suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!

unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!

who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!

sinner to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! ♪

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM: *Sing an Easter Alleluia* (words and music, Mary McDonald) Dean Pollard, Trumpet
Night had turned to day; the stone was rolled away.

Yet Christ was there; the tomb was bare;
His body was taken away!

Mary knelt and cried, when a stranger by her side
Said, "Mary, don't weep, I no longer sleep.
My spirit will arise!"

Sing an Easter alleluia! The stone's been rolled away!

Christ Jesus who died, was crucified,
Has risen this glorious day!

Alleluia! Sing an Easter alleluia!

Christ has overcome! The victory has been won!
The grave has lost its deathly sting in Christ, the risen one.

Lift your voice and sing alleluia to the King!

All glory and praise to Jesus we raise;

Forever his praise we sing!

Sing an Easter alleluia! The stone's been rolled away!

Christ Jesus who died, was crucified, has risen this glorious day!

Alleluia! Sing an Easter alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Butterflies*

SOLO: Handbells - *Hymn to Joy* (Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Bill Ingram)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023*
Holy and loving God,

When we hide away in tombs of death, lead us into life.

When we cower in our fears and regret, encourage us with your mercy and your grace, that we might claim the life you offer.

Help us embrace your love and live in your risen presence.
In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: **VU164** *The Day of Resurrection* ♪ The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God! From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light, and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain Christ’s own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end. ♪

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:1-18 read by Khal Shariff
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU176** *Who is There on This Easter Morning?*
♪ Who is there on this Easter morning runs not with John to find the grave? Nor sees how, death’s dominion scorning, Jesus is risen, strong to save? Who is there on this Easter morning runs not with John to find the grave?

Who has not stood where Mary grieving to that the first Easter garden came; for very joy but half believing whose is the voice that calls her name? Who has not stood where

Mary grieving to that the first Easter garden came?

Who is there doubts that night is ended? Hear from on high the trumpets call! Christ is in triumph now ascended, risen and reigning, Lord of all! Who is there doubts that night is ended? Hear from on high the trumpets call! ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Jesus Christ is risen today!
Sung response: **VU179** *Hallelujah*, *Hallelujah* refrain only
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Give thanks to the risen Christ; hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God’s name.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU538** *For the Gift of Creation*
For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May the grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: *Hallelujah Chorus* (from Messiah, G.F. Handel)
Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE: *Presto from Trumpet Concerto in A flat Antonio Vivaldi*

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 to our singers and our scripture reader, Khal Shariff. Thank you to Dean Pollard, our guest trumpeter today, and to the wonderful handbell choir!

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Sunday communion @ 10am

Easter Sunday worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 4:30pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @

6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Handbells (lounge) @ 5:30pm

Choir @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 10am

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 7pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 9am

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 10am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

Announcements

Remember in Prayer:

Remember Westworth in your prayers as they are meeting to suggest a name of someone to extend a call to, for their new minister, on April 16th.

Remember in prayer Cheryl Duffy (daughter Meaghan MacAngus) who is in the Women's Hospital in Hospice Care.

Remember Paul Webster and his family in your prayers, his brother-in-law Cliff Hrankowski from Calgary passed away this week.

The St. Andrew's Senior Choir is pleased to announce the return of its annual Choir Show: "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love" on April 22, 2023. There will be a 7:30pm performance, as well as a 1:30pm matinee. Tickets are \$20 (12 and under: \$10) with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch are provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets are available for purchase through the office Mon-Fri 8:30am-2:30pm. If you would like to pick up your tickets on Sunday mornings in the Narthex, please email or call the church office to order your tickets ahead of time. Tickets are also available online through [Eventbrite](#). Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

Speaker Series #3, April 30th 9am-10am in the lounge. Our speaker this month will be on Reconciliation and the impact employment has on Indigenous Peoples. 1JustCity is on its own journey of

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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?

reconciliation and will share the triumphs and challenges of being on this journey. You will hear from our Indigenous staff what impact a stable job has to an inter-generational survivor of colonization. You will hear the challenges of becoming a workplace with fair representation of Indigenous Peoples.

Bible Study is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying Psalm 8 & Psalm 19:1-4.

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.

Scripture Readings for next week

Psalm 8

Psalm 19:1-4



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