



Sunday, April 23, 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.

Upcoming services:

Sunday, April 23 Guest Preacher Irene Greenwood.

Sunday, April 30 is Outreach Sunday and our Guest Preacher Glynis Quinn, The Executive Director of 1JustCity.

Sunday, May 7th is our Indoor/Outdoor Picnic depending on the weather.



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: *Cantilena* Josef Rheinberger

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:

Minute for Outreach – Vinny Ashton

Report from Council – Michael Duncan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

We are invited to take a moment to settle ourselves.

Be still. Bring our hearts, our minds, our bodies into this time of worship

that we might know a sacred presence among us.

May we know we are in the presence of the holy, and in this place of stillness, we join with all of creation.

OPENING PRAYER:

For what we are about to receive - and offer, may God make us truly thankful. Amen.

HYMN: **VU166** *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

♪ (Refrain) **Joy comes with the dawn,
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.**

**Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows cloud our sight. R**

**Sorrow will turn,
sorrow will turn into song,
and God's laughter makes us strong. R**

**We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*The Church of Scotland - adapted*)

**When our heads are down and we have lost hope,
When we feel we are living in a confusing and hostile world,**

When we live as if this life is ours and not a gift we have received,

When we believe our hands are already full

and we feel unable to welcome the stranger,

When we fail to recognize the sacred in our lives...

(In silence, we say what is in our hearts)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN: **VU184** *As We Walked*

♪ **As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger joined us on our way.**

**He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped, he carried on.**

"Why wander further without light?

Please stay with us this troubled night.

**We've shared the truth of how we feel
and now would like to share a meal."**

**We sat to eat our simple spread,
then watched the stranger take the bread;
and, as he said the blessing prayer,
we knew that someone else was there.**

**No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see, in stranger's guise,
the Lord, who risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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**As Mary and our sisters said,
the Lord is risen from the dead! ♪**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35 Read by Kim Hannam

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

ANTHEM: *Come, Ye Faithful* (words, St. John Damascene; music, R.S. Thatcher)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Of triumphant gladness;

God hath brought his Israel

Into joy from sadness;

'Tis the Spring of Souls today,

Christ hath burst his prison,

And from three days sleep in death,

As a Sun, hath risen.

Now the Queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Come its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,

Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal
Hold Thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve,
Thou didst stand bestowing
That Thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

SERMON

HYMN: **MV79** *Spirit, Open My Heart*
♪ (Refrain) **Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. R**

**Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R**

**May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of my sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. R ♪**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Holy one, **Hear our prayers.**

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

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, Kim Hannam. Thank you to our Guest preacher today, Irene Greenwood.

by the gifts that we give.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU586** *We Shall Go Out* vs.1
**We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be right-
ed;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be
healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

POSTLUDE: *Menuet (from 'Suite Gothique')* Leon
Boellmann

Announcements

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

Irene Greenwood is a retired United Church minister serving in both rural and city ministry for 38 years in the three prairie provinces. Now retired, Irene lives in Winnipeg with her partner, Joan and enjoys spending time with their five grandchildren. On a volunteer basis, Irene continues her work for the church as a support person for ministry personnel and through social justice work. In addition, she occasionally offers leadership for study group in her own congregation. Since retiring, Irene has renewed her interest in music by learning a new instrument - the ukulele. She and Joan participate in jam sessions, playing along with other ukulele players.

The Church Picnic is on Sunday, May 7th at 10:30 at the school across the street, Robert H. Smith, with hotdogs, chips, drinks and ice cream sundaes weather permitting. If the weather does not permit us to be outside, then we will be in the Church auditorium for our service and picnic. Dress casually.

Bible Study is on Tuesdays, at 9:30 am. This week we are studying Acts 2:42-47 & John 10:1-10.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Claudette Caron (sanctuary)

@ 1:30pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 5:30pm

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @

6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Rental—Nuovoce (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Rental—Nuovoce (sanctuary) @ 5pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Speaker Series #3 (lounge) @ 9am

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 1pm

MONDAY, MAY 1

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Worship (lounge) @ 1:30pm

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Book club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @

6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 4

2nd Piano drop off (sanctuary)

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Piano tuner (sanctuary) @ 8:45am

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Church Picnic @ 10:30am

Rental—MRMTA (sanctuary)

MONDAY, MAY 8

2nd Piano pick up (sanctuary)

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @

6:15pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Rental—Hannah Smith (sanctuary) @

9am

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Rental—Hannah Smith (sanctuary) @

9am

Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary)

@ 12pm

Rental—Hannah Smith (sanctuary) @

5pm

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, MAY 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

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?

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 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.

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

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



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