



Sunday, April 30, 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, May 7th is our Indoor/Outdoor Picnic depending on the weather.
Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day, and our guest preacher is Rev. Ray Cuthbert.
Sunday, May 21st is Communion Sunday.



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: *A meditation on 'Brother James's Air'* (The Lord's my Shepherd) Harold Darke

WELCOME

HYMN: **VU678** *For the Healing of the Nations* ♪ **For the healing of the nations,
God we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service,
earth its destiny may find. ♪

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 Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023.*

Hear Jesus' great truth:
I am the gate for the sheep.

**We recognize this voice.
We've heard these words before.
Come in! You belong here!**

You are safe and cared for here!

We recognize the voice of our shepherd.

We hear his voice.

Jesus said, "I come to give life and give it abundantly.
Come one, come all!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: **VU168** *The Risen Christ*

♪ **The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity. ♪

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023.*

**Loving Shepherd with the voice we know,
be with us even when we stray.**

**We often hear the voices of strangers and
follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys.**

We forget your voice of love.

Restore our souls.

Walk ahead of us and we will follow you.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Fred Cross - *God is My Shepherd* (Anton Dvořák)

God is my shepherd; I want for nothing.

My rest in the pleasant meadows.

He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.

My fainting soul doth he restore

And guideth me in the ways of peace,

To glorify his name.

And though in death's dark valley

My steps must wander,

My spirit shall not fear,

For Thou art by me still.

Thy rod and staff are with me,

And they shall comfort me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Leigh Carlson
Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Gospel reading: John 10:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: *Go, and Be Light* (words, Valerie Kingsbury; music, Chris Bowman)
Go, and be light that shines through darkness.
Go, and share hope where non is found.
Go, and step out amidst uncertainty and strive for common ground.
Go, and reach out your hands for healing.
Go, use your voice to speak of peace.
Go and spread justice in your words and ways,
And my kindness, through love increase.
Go, and be light!

SERMON: Glynis Quinn

HYMN: **MV209** *Go, Make a Diff'rence*
♪ (Refrain) **Go make a diff'rence.**
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R
We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R
So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
We are led by Jesus, our good and compassionate shepherd.
Sung response: **VU179** *Hallelujah, Hallelujah* refrain only
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Give thanks to the risen Christ;

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

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: **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 righted;
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: *Two settings of Woodlands* (The Risen Christ) by Paul Manz and George Thalben-Ball

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, soloist, Fred Cross, and our scripture reader, Leigh Carlson. Thank you to our guest preacher, Glynis Quinn.

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Coming Up...

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Rental—Hannah Smith (sanctuary) @
9am

Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary)
@ 12pm

Announcements

A special welcome to Glynis Quinn, the Executive Director of 1JustCity. Glynis has several goals for the organization moving forward. The organization needs to strengthen itself internally by setting up "solid salary schedules" for staff. *"We're seeing people who have never before sought out a free meal, people who have never before seen themselves in these circumstances and now, here they are. We have people who can't buy meat, can't buy fruit, and are really feeling the pinch of that increase in inflation and groceries."*

1JustCity typically relies on community support and does not have regular government funding. People can help by volunteering their time, or they can make donations. Give generously to help support our community ministries of 1JustCity.

Bible Study finishes Tuesday, May 2nd, at 9:30 am. We are studying Acts 7:55-60 & John 14:1-14.

Remember in Prayer:

- Cheryl Duffy who is in the Women's Hospital at HSC.
- Holly McHaffie, whose father, Alexander Taylor McHaffie, passed away last week.

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.

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?

Lug-A-Lawn Chair, whether we are inside or outside, we will use them. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Come and help set up at 9:30 am on Sunday morning.

On Sunday, May 28th, the children and youth will be having a Pentecost Party, celebrating Pentecost the birth of the church. Come for a fun-filled time of celebrating, feasting, and remembering.

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 7:55–60
Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16
1 Peter 2:2–10
John 14:1–14



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