



Sunday, September 10, 2023



As we begin our new church year together, we are reminded that it is 28 Days to Thanksgiving. This year we are going to be “Offering Gratitude” each Sunday for five weeks. Each week, we will be thinking about gratitude, focusing on a particular theme. This Sunday, we reflect on Creation, exploring how we can live with respect in creation as God intended giving thanks to God, the Creator of all. Come and be a part of our journey together this fall. GRATITUDE!

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.

Remember those in care facilities:

- Ed Lozowy & Margaret Follett -Tuxedo Villa
- Bob McKibbin & Ian Morrow-The Parkway
- Nancy Parhill & David Bergman-Sterling House



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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE CELEBRATE!

We come...**Response: We come to celebrate!**

SONG: *Allelu, Allelu, Praise Ye the Lord*

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah!

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PRAYER-*Four Directions*

Response - **We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

SONG: *A Place in the Choir* (Words and music by Bill Staines) **Actions**

(Refrain) **All God's critters got a place in the choir.**

(place arms on shoulders of the person next to you)

Some sing low. *(Squat down low)* **Some sing higher.** *(stand on tip toes)*

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire. *(cup hands around mouth as if shouting)*

And some just clap their hands *(clap hands)* **or paws** *(clap knees)* **or anything they got** *(clap right hand on left foot now. (clap left hand on right foot)*

**Listen to the bass. It's the one on the bottom
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
moans and groans with a big t'do,
and the old cow just goes "Moo." R**

**The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
while the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles.
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
and the old coyote howls. R**

**Listen to the top where the little birds sing
on the melodies with the high notes ringing.
The hoot owl hollers over ev'rything
and the jaybird disagrees. R**

**It's a simple song of living sung ev'rywhere
by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
the grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
the sly raccoon and the turtle dove R**

READING: (based on Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Responses:

God - **WOW!**

So very good - **thumbs up**

Sun, moon, stars, light - **point to the sky**

Night/nighttime - **sleeping**

Water of any sort - **make waves**

Birds - **chirp**

Animals - **make noise of any animal**

Animals named - **make that noise**

Quiet - **ssh**

Walk - **feet and walk**

No - **shake your head**

Resting - **pretend you are snoozing**

INTERACTIVE REFLECTION

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven hal-
lowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us
our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us and
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SONG: **VU229** *God of the Sparrow*

♪ **God of sparrow, God of whale, God of the
swirling stars.**

**How does the creature say Awe. How does the
creature say Praise.**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God
of the trumpet blast.**

**How does the creature cry Woe. How does the
creature cry Save.**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of
the empty grave.**

**How does the creature say Grace. How does
the creature say Thanks.**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the
prodigal.**

**How does the creature say Care. How does the
creature say Life.**

**God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of
the pruning hook.**

**How does the creature say Love. How does the
creature say Peace.**

**God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the
loving heart.**

**How do your children say Joy. How do your
children say Home. ♪**

GIFTS

BLESSING

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who helped with setting
up and running Celebration Sunday.

Scripture Readings for next week:

*Exodus 16:13-21

* Mk. 6:34-44

Acts 2:44-47

Confirmation Classes for youth! Youth ages 12
and up who are interested in attending Confirma-
tion Classes sometime this year, please let the
office or Rev. Karen Lumley know. Classes will
be for five weeks for an hour or so and would be
interesting, fun, informative and possibly after
church or another time that works for the partici-
pants. Send me an email at [klum-
ley@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:klumley@standrewsriverheights.com)

Adults who are interested in membership classes
or understanding the Church, email Rev. Karen
Lumley at klumley@standrewsriverheights.com.

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!

Clergy	Rev. Karen Lumley	klumley@standrewsriverheights.com
Choir Director	Katy Harmer	music@standrewsriverheights.com
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Treasurer	Bill Craddock	wjcdlc@mymts.net
Church Office	Charlotte Lindsay	office@standrewsriverheights.com

Messy Church was a family event, usually on Saturday evenings, when families came together for food, fun, story time and time to be together as parents. If families are interested in this program again and would attend, contact Rev. Karen Lumley klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. More details to come.

Remember in prayer Carol Holland who is in Misericordia Hospital Room 621 on the 6th floor.

Mimers (people who will act out the Biblical story of Jesus being anointed with oil from John 12:1-8) for Sunday service, September 24th. If you are willing to be Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Jesus, or Judas please contact Rev. Karen Lumley klumley@standrewsriverheights.com.

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?

THE OUTREACH GROUP INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 24TH AFTER CHURCH

A CASUAL LUNCH
WITH SANDWICHES FROM
FEAST CAFE AND BISTRO,
AN INDIGENOUS-OWNED
AND OPERATED
RESTAURANT



FOLLOWED BY THE
PRESENTATION WITH
JOHN MCKAY, WHO IS
THE INDIGENOUS
CULTURAL PROGRAM
LEAD AND ELDER MIKE
MONIAS FROM IJUSTCITY.
HE WILL BE PRESENTING
THE 7 TEACHINGS OF
INDIGENOUS CULTURE
AND OUR COLLECTIVE
JOURNEY TO
RECONCILIATION.

"YOUR CONGREGATION WILL EXPERIENCE SOMETHING SO
IMPORTANT AND LOVING REGARDING THESE PRESENTATIONS. YOU
WILL HEAR AND WITNESS SO MANY NEW WAYS TO VIEW
RECONCILIATION AND WHY WE ALL NEED TO UNDERSTAND IN A
GOOD WAY."

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, Auditorium
255 Oak st.

This date was selected as
a lead-up to the National
Day for Truth and
Reconciliation on
September 30, 2023



Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Celebration Sunday @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**Rental—River City Sound
(auditorium) @ 7pm**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**Rental—Sarah Witiuk (lounge) @
12pm**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

