



Sunday, September 24, 2023



As we begin our church year together, we are reminded it is 14 Days to Thanksgiving. This year we are “Offering Gratitude” each Sunday for five weeks. The first week we offered gratitude for creation. Last week we reflected on Gratitude for Food. This week our theme is Gratitude for Silence. 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 on our website 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

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

Resources from 2020 The United Church of Canada

GATHERING: *Trio in F major* Josef Rheinberger
Prelude on BEACH SPRING Wilbur Held

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our breath(breathe).

We receive God's presence as we breathe in.

God is outside our breaths(breathe).

We experience God's present as we breathe out.

God is in-between our breaths (breathe)

God is present everywhere in all living, breathing things.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN: **VU374** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

Long before those of us who are settlers and those who are descendants of settlers came to this land to live, there were people here. We acknowledge that many Nations of Indigenous people have lived on this land. We give thanks to this land, the territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Inuit peoples in the heart of the Metis nation peoples. We gather on Treaty 1 land and commit to the stewardship of this land and right relationships.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

We light the Christ Candle symbolizing God's presence in this place.

We light the orange candle symbolizing our journey for Truth and Reconciliation.

In every moment, The Creator's Spirit shines! Alleluia!

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OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Council—Leigh Harris-Carlson

HYMN: **VU382** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023)*

**God of infinite patience, sometimes we complain that the journey is too long.
The road is hard and we are tired.**

We know you have heard it all before, faithful One.

You will hear it all again.

Yet, you never forsake us in our grumbling.

Shower us with your blessings seen and unseen.

Open our lips to sing songs of gratitude.

For we are weary and long to make a fresh start.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Judy Oatway - *The Heart Worships*, Composer Gustav Holst, Poet Alice Mary Buckton

Silence in Heav'n,

Silence on Earth

Silence within!

Thy hush, O Lord,

O'er all the world covers the din.

I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind

And yet to all thy namelessness, I am not blind.

Only I need and kneel again

Thy touch to win;

Silence in Heav'n

Silence on Earth

Silence within!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Linda Paul

John 12:1-8

James 5:14-16

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

ANTHEM: *Be Still, and Know That I Am God* (text, Gene Grier; music, David Lantz III)

Be still, and know that I am God,

The God of strength, the God of truth;

I am your refuge in your time of fear,

And you will know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God,

The God who gave My only Son to you;

You will find hope in His great sacrifice.

Your faith leads to eternal life.

Though waters may roar and mountains may shake,

And danger fills your heart with deep despair,

With faith and hope and love,

You'll find me through your prayers,

And know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God.

In times of pain, in times of war;

In Me, find solitude and perfect peace.

Keep faith, My wonders never cease.

Be still, and know that I am God,
The God of strength, the God of truth.
With love, I speak the heavenly words you hear
So you will know that I am near.
Trust in me, for I am here.

SERMON/PLAY:

Actors: *Mary-Emily Parks, Martha-Rhonda Kennedy-Rogers, Lazarus-Bernard Boland, Judas-Fred Cross, Jesus-Susanne Reimer.*

HYMN: VU208 *Come, Holy Spirit*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We praise you, O God.
(Prayer of Silence)

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: MV136 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace vs. 5*
Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
your able, strong community.

BLESSING:

God has called us with the sound.
Let us echo God's calling. (bell rung)
God has blessed us.
Let us bless one another. (bell rung)
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.
(bell rung)

BENEDICTION: VU481 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing vs. 2 shortened*
With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday
life we will face.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ
and the name that we bear.

POSTLUDE: Andante from Variations on LASST UNS ERFREUEN Denis Bédard

Announcements

Thanks to our Actors: Emily Parks, Rhonda Kennedy-Rogers, Bernard Boland, Fred Cross and Susanne Reimer.

Immediately following the service today, Rev. Karen Lumley must attend a congregational meeting at Prairie Spirit United Church. She is their Pastoral Oversight Minister which is a part of her work for the Region, which each minister is required to do.

Verla Cleland moved to The Boulton (Independent Living) this past week.

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, soloist, Judy Oatway and our scripture reader, Linda Paul. Thank you to Linda Fearn for playing the organ today.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Worship @ 10:30am

Outreach @ 11:30am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ABC (lounge) @ 1pm

Worship meeting @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

*Rental—Aaron Hutton (sanctuary) @
1pm*

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

P&A meeting @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Decorating the church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Decorating the church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Worship @ 10:30am

More Announcements

The Book Club group is resuming meetings following a summer break. We will be discussing various books the members have read over the summer. We are a casual group and would welcome new readers. To avoid overstocking our home libraries, we make use of the Winnipeg Public Library Book Club Kits which have enough books for each of us. Our meetings are on Wednesdays at 1:30, in the church lounge. Our September meeting will be on Wednesday the 27th. For more information, leave a message for Ruth at 204-489-1537 or you are welcome to come to the meeting.

Confirmation Classes for youth! Youth ages 12 and up who are interested in attending Confirmation 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 participants. Send me an email at klumley@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

Oak Table-1JustCity we are collecting individual tuna/meat cans, hearty soups, stews, beans etc. for individual use. Pull-top cans are useful.

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?

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

Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. The scriptures we will be studying are Exodus 15:20-21 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Remember in prayer Carol Holland who is in Misericordia Hospital.

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:

*Exodus 15:20-21

Psalm 100

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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