

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**



We began our church year together, reminding ourselves of Gratitude and Thanksgiving. This year, we were "Offering Gratitude" each Sunday for five weeks. We have offered GRATITUDE for CREATION, FOOD, SILENCE, and MUSIC. This week we reflect on Gratitude by integrating elements of the past weeks. Worship recognizes the abundance of the harvest, the gifts of creation, and the contribution of our labour inspired by God's guidance and grace. Come and be a part of our journey together this Sunday. 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/>.

## Scripture Readings for next week:

Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, Philippians 4:1-9 & \*Matthew 22:1-10.

*\* this reading is the preaching text*

## Upcoming Services:

- **October 15** - Outreach Sunday, with Guest Preacher: Rev. Joshua Ward
- **October 22** - Let's Talk Church

**The Worship Group recognizes** that the Land Acknowledgement is an important part of worship but can become less meaningful if repeated week after week. Recognizing this and the request of others we decided to read the land acknowledgement once a month together and to read it silently once a month. It will be printed on the bottom of the page of the bulletin weekly.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



**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 MUSIC: *Now thank we all our God*  
arr. Michael Burkhardt  
*Come you thankful people, come* arr. Colin Hand

WELCOME/LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH  
Minute for Stewardship - Read by Iris McKay

HYMN: **VU519** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

CALL TO WORSHIP:  
Praise God, the giver of life.  
**Praise God, who blesses our world.**  
Praise God, who heals our wounds.  
**Praise God, who cares for our needs.**  
Praise God, the giver and maker of all.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:  
We light this candle as a symbolic action to recognize God's presence.  
**In every moment, especially at the time of harvest, Christ's light shines. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Prayer of Thankful Praise* (music, Hal Hopson; text, Dr. Roger Nooe)  
O Lord, we lift our thanks to Thee.  
Earth in all its beauty,  
Sound of voice and music,  
This is our thanks to Thee.

O Lord, we lift our thanks to Thee.  
Love and all true goodness,  
Noble deeds of mercy,  
This is our song of praise.

Yet when we have thanked Thee for these things,  
We have not thanked Thee enough.

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
And all that is within me bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
Bless God's holy name.

O Lord, we lift our thanks to Thee.  
Hear us, Lord, we adore Thy holy name.  
Amen.

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

**Creator of life and giver of all that we have,  
thank you for your amazing grace  
and your abundant love.  
Forgive us when we reject your many gifts.  
Open our lives once more to your generosity.  
Forgive our selfishness.  
Draw us back to your generous love.  
When we forget to give thanks, forgive us.  
Turn our thoughts back to you,  
with joy and thanksgiving.  
In your grace and love we pray. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN: **VU520** *We Plough the Fields*

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:15-24 read by Bernard Boland  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Ian Olson - *Thanks be to Thee* (music, G.F. Handel; text, Mack Harrell)  
Thanks be to Thee, Lord God of Hosts!  
My soul shall be joyful in Thee;  
I shall rejoice, Lord, in Thee.

Like a shepherd has Thou led us, Lord,  
Thine the hand that healeth us;  
Through Thy great goodness are we restored.

Thanks be to Thee, Lord God of Hosts!  
My soul shall be joyful in Thee;  
I shall rejoice, Lord, in Thee.

My soul shall be joyful in Thee,  
I shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

SERMON

HYMN: **MV41** *O Beautiful Gaia*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
**...we thank you God, Amen.**  
Sung response: **VU810** *Psalms 92 refrain*  
**It is good to sing your praises  
and to thank you, O Most High.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Translation*  
**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,**  
**May your name be made holy,**  
**May your dominion come,**  
**May your will be done,**  
**On Earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;**  
**And forgive us our debts,**  
**As we have forgiven our debtors;**  
**And do not put us to the test,**  
**But rescue us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power,**  
**And the glory 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

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: *Now thank we all our God* arr. Albert Travis

### Announcements

**The flowers and vegetables** displayed for Thanksgiving on Sunday are available for anyone who would like them. It is suggested that the flowers be given to someone who would appreciate them so please pass them on.

**Joshua Ward** is our guest speaker on Sunday, October 15th and for many needs no introduction. He grew up at St. Andrew's and was involved in the Guatemala Mission Experiences, was commissioned in 2017 as a Diaconal Minister from this church He is the Community Facilitator at 1Just City Winnipeg at the site of St. Matthew's Community Ministry.

### 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, Ian Olson, and our scripture reader, Bernard Boland.

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### Coming Up...

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Thanksgiving Sunday worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @

7:15pm

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 5:30pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 9am

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 5pm

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Rental—Winnipeg Boys Choir (auditorium) & 9:30am

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Outreach Sunday worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Council meeting (board room) @

7:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Service @ The Wellington @ 11am

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @

7:15pm

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 5:30pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Let's Talk Church @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### More Announcements

**Sign-up sheets** for Sunday School are available in the narthex. There are classes for the nursery (ages 5 and under), and primary grades (grades 1-6). Jen Parks will be teaching the primary grades and Evan Demeduk will be in the nursery. Classes for youth (grades 7 and up) will be held in the lounge.

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am, we facilitate worship at The Wellington. If anyone can come and help us sing, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Karen Lumley or the church office if you are interested.

**We need volunteers for coffee time** on November 5th and December 3rd. If you are interested in helping serve refreshments on these two dates, please sign up at the back of the church. We appreciate your help and support.

**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](mailto: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?

**Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. The passage we are studying this week is Matthew 22:1-10.

Rev. Tricia Gerhard's covenanting service will take place at Westworth United Church on **Sunday, November 5th at 2:30 p.m.**

**Oak Table-1JustCity** is collecting individual tuna/meat cans, hearty soups, stews, beans etc. for individual use. Pull-top cans are useful. Baking goods such as sweetened condensed milk, pecans and walnuts, maraschino cherries (red and green) and sweetened coconut are requested

**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.



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