



Sunday, October 15, 2023



Thanksgiving Sunday has come and gone however, let us continue to live in gratitude for all God has given us. Grateful for family, friends, church, and a faith community that is there with us supporting us in our living. May we continue to count our many blessings and name them one by one.

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/>.

Members of the Outreach Group are: Vinny Ashton, Peter Brehaut, Clark Brownlee, Joan Stevenson, Kelvin Koots, Sonja Lundstrom, Allison Koots, Anne Grewar (Chair) & Kathy Knowles (Council Liaison)

Upcoming Services:

- **October 22** - Let's Talk Church
- **October 29** - All Saint's Day

Joshua Ward is our guest speaker today and for many needs no introduction. He grew up at St. Andrew's, 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.

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: *Cantilene* Malcolm Archer
Children of the Heavenly Father Swedish folk
tune, arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME/LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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 Métis Nation peoples. We gather on Treaty 1 land and commit to the stewardship of this land and the right relationships.

HYMN: **VU232** Sing a New World into Being, Tune (Hymn to Joy)

♪ **Sing a new world into being!**
Sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings.
Lend your voice and dare to dream:
Dream a church where all who worship
Find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being:
Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being
Where each gender, class, and race
Brings its rainbow gifts and colours
To God's limitless embrace;
Where the lines that once divided
Form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being:
Risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being
Where the homeless find a home,
Where no children ever hunger
But are filled in God's shalom;
Where all people work for justice,
Where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being:
Raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being.
Join the ancient prophets' cry
For a time of health and plenty
When all tears have been wiped dry;
When compassion flows like waters,
Pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being:
Live the promise you believe! ♪

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, Rejoice!
Take heart; the Lord is near.
Make it known among the people; God reigns.
Proclaim it from the rooftops.
Let gentleness be your guide.
Rejoice in God always. Again, I say, Rejoice!
Take heart, the Lord is near.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Prayer of St. Francis* (music, Peter A. Togni; text attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, put faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh, divine Spirit, grant that I may not so much
seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.

It is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*

We seek your goodness, O God, we search our hearts and find them wanting.
We seek your joy, for we are weary and our hearts are heavy.
Set our minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise.
Shine the light of your love far and wide, so that the world might strive after things that are just, righteous, and true. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN: **VU691** *Though Ancient Walls*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:1-10 read by Anne Grewar
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Shea Carter - *The Call* (music, Ralph Vaughn Williams; text, George Herbert)
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such as a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU697** *O For a World*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Rejoice in the Lord always.
Sung response: **VU810** *Psalm 92 refrain*
**It is good to sing your praises
and to thank you, O Most High.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: *Allegro from Organ Concerto #1 in G major* George Frederic Handel

Announcements

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 part of her work for the Region that each minister is required to do.

The Anna Blair Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 24th at the Scandinavian Centre, 764 Erin Street**, for a tour of the exhibits at 1:30pm, followed by coffee and Swedish treats provided by Sonja Lundstrom. Please note that Erin is a one-way, southbound street. Parking is available on the street. The group would be pleased to have any members of the congregation join them for this event.

Wednesday, October 18th 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.

Scripture Readings for next week:
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 & *1 Corinthians 12:12-27.
** this reading is the preaching text*

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! Thank you to our guest speaker, Joshua Ward, our singers, soloist, Shea Carter, our scripture reader, Anne Grewar, and the readers from the Outreach group.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Outreach Sunday worship @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Service @ The Wellington @ 11am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 7:15pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

David book club (lounge) @ 10am

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

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.

If anyone is willing to volunteer (youth & adults) at The Oak Table Fundraising Dinner please let Rev. Karen Lumley know. They need 6 or 7 more people from 4pm-8:30pm. Supper will be provided for those who volunteer.

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.

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

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

Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. The passage we are studying this week is 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

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?

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. Please bring your donations to the church and we can drop them off for you. We thank you for your generosity.

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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