



LET'S TALK CHURCH

Sunday, October 22, 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.

QUESTIONS

Our Questions to think about today:

- **How are our gifts and service shared at St. Andrew's?**
- **Has volunteerism/service changed in the church? If so, how?**
- **How do we help and support one another in the church?**
- **What might be ways we as the Body of Christ can share our gifts and support one another in the work of St. Andrew's and beyond?**

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: *Here I am, Lord* Dan Schutte, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME/LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: **MV1** *Let Us Build a House* vs. 1, 4 & 5
♪ **Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger,
bear the image of God's face,
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place. ♪**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

We come, O God, to worship you.

We long to see you.

Come, God of justice, be present today.

We need your grace in our world.

We come to worship you in this time together.

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Adapted from Gathering Worship Resources, 2023 written by Tanna Edwards, Bridgenorth, Ont.*

**This world has so many distractions for us.
We don't always hold up the commandment to
love one another.**

**Sometimes, we are not focused on you, O God,
and focus instead on other things.**

**Forgive us when we say things that are not so
loving.**

**Forgive us when we are not as helpful as we
could be.**

**Forgive us when we think of ourselves at the
expense of others.**

Show us how to love one another.

Show us how to share our gifts.

Show us how to be your disciples. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN: **MV171** *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours*
♪ (Refrain) **Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours. Here on this earth,
yours is the work, to serve with the joy of com-
passion.**

**No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind
the broken hope of the people of God. R**

**No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse
the holy joy of the city of God.**

**No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build
a lasting peace for the children of God. ♪**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
read by Rob Siddall

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

ANTHEM: *Locus Iste* (Anton Bruckner)
Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God,
A priceless mystery;
It is without fault.*

DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

That is God's vision.

Sung response: **VU810** *Psalms 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: *They'll know we are Christians by our love* arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements

A special thanks to the Outreach Group for leading worship last week and to Joshua Ward, who was our speaker last week from 1JustCity.

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.

Youth, grades 7 and up there is a special Sunday School class for you each Sunday.

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.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3 & *Matthew 5:1-12
* *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 singers and our scripture reader, Rob Siddall.

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More Announcements

Upcoming Services:

- **October 29** - All Saint's Day
- **November 5** – Remembrance Day Service

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.

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.

Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. The passage we are studying this week is Matthew 5:1-12.

Community News

Good Old Fashioned Halloween Dance at St. Mary's Road United Church, 613 St. Mary's Road, Saturday, October 28th from 6:00-10:00pm. More details on their website and in our E-Blast.

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

RCCO 100th Anniversary Celebration Service at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

Sunday, November 5th, 7:30pm

All are welcome to come and celebrate 100 years of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Winnipeg Centre. Hear an exciting commissioned work for the event, organ works and anthems composed by Winnipeg composers/organists Richard Greig, Winnifred Sim, Andrew Balfour, Ronald Gibson, and music by other Canadian and British composers. Our own choir, with Katy Harmer conductor, will form the core of a combined choir. Organists Linda Fearn and Wes Elias, and trumpeter Dean Pollard will also be participating. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

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?

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Let's Talk Church (auditorium) @ 10:30am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28



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