



## Sunday, October 29, 2023



Today is All Saint's Day, the day we remember, celebrate and honor those who have gone before, the historical saints, the contemporary saints and saints still living among us. Let us be a people of faith who Live boldly changing our world. Go be a saint!

### 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.

### Sunday School

Superintendent - Jan Demeduk

Teachers:

Nursery - Evan Demeduk  
Jocelyn Carlson

Primary - Jan Demeduk

Youth - Jennifer Parks

### Church Council

Rob Siddall (Chair)

Lisa Richards (Secretary)

Bill Craddock (Treasurer)

Michael Duncan (Ministry & Personnel)

Leigh Carlson (Member-at-Large)

Kathy Knowles (Member-at-Large)

Iris McKay (Member-at-Large)

Glenn Neufeld (Member-at-Large)

Rev. Karen Lumley (Minister)

### Music Endowment Committee

Glenn Neufeld (Chair), Wes Elias, Katy Harmer & Laura Regier

### John Standing Music Endowment Award

Many of you will remember John Standing who was Music Director at St. Andrew's for 12 years, retiring in 1998. John had the foresight to create a Music Endowment Fund at St. Andrew's starting with proceeds from an organ recital he performed in 2005. That fund has grown over the years.

This past spring, the St. Andrew's Church Council implemented a Bursary Program that would create an annual award of \$500 paid from the fund to a person who is part of our church community and who is pursuing training in perhaps voice, or a musical instrument.

The successful first recipient of the John Standing Music Endowment Award is Evan Demeduk. Evan completed his Grade 12 at Tech Voc High School in June. He will be enrolling in voice lessons. Our congratulations to Evan.



**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: *Trumpet Tune and Cantillane* Rachel Laurin

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

HYMN: **VU705** *For All the Saints* vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *(Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023)*

Bless the Lord at all times.

**Praise God's holy name.**

Magnify the Lord with hearts full of devotion.

**We will worship the living God.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### BLESSING OF THE SAINTS:

- 1) **Sunday school teachers**
- 2) **The Church Council**
- 3) **Minister in a formal association with a Faith Community** - Patricia Baker
- 4) **Trained Lay Worship leader** - Rita Swan
- 5) **Music Endowment Presentation**  
Fred Cross - Remembering John Standing  
Katy Harmer - Music Endowment Fund Presentation  
Evan Demeduk - Recipient

ANTHEM: *Tapestry of Love* (words and music, Pepper Choplin)

As a tapestry's woven, thread by thread,  
Patiently working, the needle is led.  
So deeds of kindness and words that are said  
Form a tapestry of Love.

Loving and faithful, we follow the line,  
Living and giving one day at a time.  
Only years later, we see the design  
Of a tapestry of Love.

If we live every moment and craft every part,  
If we serve with devotion and joy in our hearts,  
Life will become a great sacred work of art.

From the heart comes a beautiful tapestry of Love.

As the years change us, the picture comes clear;  
Gestures of kindness will not disappear.  
Loved ones who follow will know that we were here  
Through our tapestry of Love.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

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

**God, we long to be counted among the saints of old,**

**but we know the journey is long and difficult.**

**We seek to love others as we should.**

**We seek to forgive those who wrong us**

**We strive for openness of spirit.**

**Guide us on this journey of discipleship,  
so that we may grow and live as saints of your love. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN: **VU218** *We Praise You, O God*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12 read by Susanne Reimer

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

SOLO: Lorenz Sarrondo - *Be Still My Soul*, Music by Jean Sibelius

Words by Katharina von Schlegel, Arr. Irvin T. Nelson

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;

bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to thy God to order and provide;

in every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the veil of tears,  
then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,  
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## SERMON

HYMN: *Blest Are the Poor in Spirit* (tune, **VU333**;  
words, Amanda Udis-Kessler)

♪ **Blest are you, the poor in spirit. Heaven's joy  
invites you in.**

**Blest are you who weep in mourning. Comfort  
will be yours again.**

**Blest are you, the self-effacing. Love awaits  
the kind and meek.**

**Blest are you who work for justice. You will  
find the world you seek.**

**Blest are you who offer mercy. Mercy you'll  
receive in kind.**

**Blest are you, the pure of heart. As God you  
seek, so God you'll find.**

**Blest are you whose lives are peaceful, true  
descendants of God's peace.**

**Blest are you who face injustice. God will  
grant you hearts of ease.**

**Even as the prophets labored, living into  
God's demands**

**In the face of royal evil, now the choice is in  
our hands.**

**Lies and hatred, greed and cruelty: we re-  
spond in faith and trust.**

**Blest are we who live God's vision. Now God's  
heaven lives in us. ♪**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We strive for Christ's compassion. We strive to be  
counted among the saints.

Sung response: **VU810 Psalm 92 refrain**

**It is good to sing your praises  
and to thank you, O Most High.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

### 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, soloist, and  
our scripture reader, Susanne Reimer.

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## 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, for-  
give 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

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: *March Noel Rawsthorne*

### **Music Notes**

Today's anthem, Tapestry of Love, helps us see the big picture of how our actions and kindness add up to form something larger than we can imagine. As you listen, you'll hear it change into different keys a number of times. As a choir, we've been imagining each shift as a change in colour in the tapestry.

The text for our third hymn, Blest Are You the Poor in Spirit, is written by Amanda Udis-Kessler, a queer American composer and songwriter. Her hymns and songs are sung by churches and congregations around the world. You can see more of her music and hymn texts at [queersacredmusic.com](http://queersacredmusic.com). It is wonderful to find and use new and different words to familiar hymn tunes.

### **Announcements**

**Sunday, November 5 is our Remembrance Day Service.** If anyone can lay the wreath, please contact the church office or Rev. Karen Lumley. Youth and children in the scouting program are invited to come dressed in uniform. Anyone who serves or served in the military and is present at this service, please let us know if you wish to participate in the service. Come dressed in uniform.

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

**Thanks to those who signed up to do coffee on November 5 and December 3.** Your help is appreciated.

**Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. The passage we are studying this week is Matthew 23:1-12.

**Mark the date**—Perogy Lunch Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after church. More details to come.

**Hats, mitts, scarves, coats, jeans, warm sweaters etc.** are being collected for the homeless in Winnipeg. If you drop them off at the Church, they will be distributed among those who can use them. Please bring them by November 5.

**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.

**Scripture Reading for next week:**  
\* Matthew 23:1-12

\* *this reading is the preaching text*

### **Community News**

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

### **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?

### **RCCO 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Service at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church**

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

All are welcome to come and celebrate 100 years of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Winnipeg Centre. Come and hear an exciting commissioned work for the event, organ works and anthems composed by Winnipeg composers/organists Richard Greig, Winifred 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.



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