



Sunday, April 7 2024



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until May 19th which is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until Pentecost. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**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.

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 on our website.

**FIND YOUR PLACE**

**WASHROOMS:** A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30am in the lounge. We are studying together Luke 24:36-48.

**Remember in prayer** Gladys Mildren, who is in the hospital.

**The Outreach Speaker series #2** April 21, 2024, from 9am-10am in the lounge. Dr. Ruth Swan will be talking about the "homeland of the Metis in the Red River Valley" which is referred to in land acknowledgements.

**Upcoming services**

Sunday, April 14 - Mission and Service Sunday  
Sunday, April 21 - Earth Day & Good Shepherd

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.

## Easter 2

GATHERING MUSIC: *Lift high the cross* (Tune: Crucifer) Sydney H. Nicholson, arr. Lani Smith  
*You tell me that the Lord is risen* (Tune: Noel) Arthur Sullivan, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

### WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (*Adapted from Gathering Worship Resources*)

**We acknowledge this land on which St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers is Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge the Inuit and all peoples of this great land on Turtle Island and their ancestors.**

**Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.**

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

May we have the courage of Thomas to be honest.

**May our questions like Thomas, be recast by love's encounter.**

May we be reminded that "understanding seeking faith" is rewarded.

**And that "faith seeking understanding" is the journey's next step.**

Come, let us worship!

HYMN: **VU151** *Lift High the Cross*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### OPENING PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU185** *You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*

**Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts that fill our lives.**

**Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust.**

**Show us with your mercy and grace,  
that we may embrace the fullness of life and love,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit and the  
mercy of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Easter Song* (words, Simeon B. Marsh; music, Eric Wild)

Mary to the Saviour's tomb

Hasted at the early dawn:

Spice she brought, and rich perfume,

But the Lord she loved had gone;

For awhile she lingering stood,

Filled with sorrow and surprise.

Trembling, while a crystal flood

Issued from her weeping eyes.

But her sorrow quickly fled

When she heard this welcome voice;

Christ has risen from the dead,

Now he bids her heart rejoice.  
What a change his word can make,  
Turning darkness into day!  
Ye who weep for Jesus' sake,  
He will wipe your tears away.

He who came to comfort her,  
When she thought her all was lost,  
Will for your relief appear,  
Though you now are tempest-tossed.  
On his arm your burden cast;  
On his love your thoughts employ;  
Weeping for a while may last,  
But the morning brings the joy.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31 read by Linda Paul  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

HYMN: **MV139** *True Faith Needs No Defence*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
Jesus said, "Do not doubt, but believe."  
Sung response: **VU833** Psalm 11  
♪ **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** ♪

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU168** *The Risen Christ* vs. 4  
♪ **May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with the oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity** ♪

### BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU965**  
♪ **The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Amen.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *O sons and daughters, let us sing* (Tune: O filii et filliae) arr. Alexandre Guilmant

### 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, Linda Paul.

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## Coming Up...

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 12:30pm

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

M&P meeting (lounge) @ 3pm  
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am  
Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am  
Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm  
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm  
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Rental—Katy (sanctuary) @ 10am  
Handbell set-up (sanctuary) @ 3pm

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Rental—Katy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am  
Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am  
RHS yoga (lounge) @ 2:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm  
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm  
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm  
Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Rental—Anna Torquato (sanctuary) @ 2:30pm  
Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 6pm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Rental—Anna Torquato (sanctuary) @ 6pm

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Outreach speaker series (lounge) @ 9am  
Rental—Nolan Kehler (sanctuary) @ 2pm

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am  
Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am  
Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary) @ 5pm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm  
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm  
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

## Announcements

The St. Andrew's Senior Choir is pleased to announce the return of its annual Choir Show: "Spring Bouquet" on April 27, 2024. There will be a 7:30pm performance, as well as a 1:30pm matinee. Tickets are \$25 (12 and under: \$15) with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch are provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets are available through the church office Mon-Fri from 8:30am-2:30pm and Sundays after the service in the Narthex.

## 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?

Tickets ordered during the week are also available for pickup Sundays after the service. If you would like to pick up your tickets on Sunday mornings in the Narthex, please email or call the church office to order your tickets ahead of time. Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

**Oak Table recently purchased a new soup kettle.** We would love to raise the funds to cover the cost of the kettle - \$3500. Contributions can be made to the Church for the kettle. We appreciate your support. Tax receipts will be issued for this donation.

## Scripture Readings for next week:

Acts 3:12–19

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1–7

\*Luke 24:36b–48

\* This reading is the preaching text

