



Sunday, April 14 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.

Today, April 14, we will be having a Spring Waffle Brunch in the auditorium, immediately after the church service. All funds raised will be donated to Oak Table for their new soup kettle. Brunch will consist of home-made waffles, fresh strawberries and whipping cream, fruit, salad, and sausages. This is an open offering, please give generously! Thank you for your continued support of Oak Table

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

Bible Study will meet this week and work together on their Action Plan for the Environment.

Upcoming services

Sunday, April 21 - Earth Day & Good Shepherd, Guest Preacher Rita Swan (Lay Worship Leader)

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.

Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING MUSIC: *Grace and Thanksgiving* (arr. Anna Laura Page)

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering, Worship Resources for Easter 2024, written by: Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.*

Christ is risen! What a glorious day!

Christ is risen, indeed! Our lives are forever changed!

New life is all around us. Stop and experience the beauty.

Where once there was death, now there is life!

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

HYMN: **VU166** *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU448** *We Know the Christ is Raised*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Adapted from, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024.*

We turn to you, O God.

When our hearts are heavy, we invite Christ to help lighten the load.

When our hearts are hardened, we invite the Spirit to soften and change them.

Truly, we all need to receive God's grace and to heed God's call. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Still, Still with Thee* (words, Harriet Beecher Stowe; music, Oley Speaks)

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,

When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;

Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,

Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.

Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows,

The solemn hush of nature newly born.

Alone with Thee, in breathless adoration,

In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,

Its closing eye looks up to Thee in prayer;

Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'er shadowing,

But sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,

When the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;

Oh! In that hour fairer than daylight's dawning,

Shall rise the glorious though, I am with Thee!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Carol Neufeld
Responsive Psalm: **VU727** Psalm 4
Gospel reading: Luke 24:36-50
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL SOLO: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (W.C. Smith, arr. Kevin McChesney)

SERMON

HYMN: **VU703** *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
We are an Easter people.
Sung response: **VU833** *Psalm 11*
♪ **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** ♪

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: **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: *Gavotte* (Matthew Camidge, arr. Jeffrey Honore)

Music Note - Ring Those Bells!
In today's handbell selections, you will see and hear many different ringing techniques that each create different effects. In "Grace and Thanksgiving," you'll see Morna-June Morrow using mallets to play bells that hang on a bell tree, and also listen for the echo effect where the lower bells are tapped on the table. In "Immortal, Invisible," the ringers will switch bells a couple times to change musical keys, and there is one 'tower swing' near the end, where the ringers swing the bell to get a cool audio effect. In the "Gavotte," you'll hear sections with 'thumb damps,' where players place their thumbs on the bells to keep them from ringing, making them sound short and sharp.

Announcements
Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from April 15-23. She will be celebrating the 100-year Anniversary of the Church where she grew up and taking her mom. She will also be working on preparation for the spring and summer services for worship. **For Pastoral Care coverage** contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard 431-294-3149 or you can email her at minister@westworth.ca

Rita Swan Is facilitating worship and preaching at McClure United Church this Sunday. Remember her in your prayers.

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.

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, handbell choir and our scripture reader, Carol Neufeld.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Fellowship fundraiser event
(auditorium) after service
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
ABC (lounge) @ 1pm
Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary)
@ 5pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Choir show set-up (auditorium) @
1pm
Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Choir show set-up (auditorium)

Announcements

The Anna Blair Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. in the lounge**. Speaking on gardening will be Darlene Karp, president of the award-winning community gardens of East Kildonan. with a special emphasis on container gardening. The congregation is invited to join ABC to hear this outstanding speaker.

Rita Swan became a Licensed Lay Worship Leader as of December 22, 2022. She preaches for many United Churches around Winnipeg city and area.

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 4:5–12

Psalms 23

*1 John 3:16–24

John 10:11–18

* This reading is the preaching text

