



**Sunday, May 5, 2024**



Today is Red Dress Day, a day to remember and to honor the missing MMIWG (Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women & Girls). It is a day to ReDress the wrongs against MMIWG and their families. The empty dress was chosen to evoke the memory of the Missing & Murdered Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse People who should be wearing them. The color red symbolizes the lifeblood that connects us all. Today we Remember and today we Honor them.

#### **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.

**We want to give** a massive thank you to everyone involved in the choir show, from the performers, volunteers and everyone that attended! Thank you so much!

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

**Our final Bible Study of the season** is on Tuesday, at 9:30am in the lounge. We are studying together Acts 1:15–17, 21–26.

**Scripture Readings for next week:** \*Acts 1:15–17, 21–26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9–13 & John 17:6–19  
\* This reading is the preaching text

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: *O love that wilt not let me go* (St. Margaret) arr. Phillip Keveren

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU820** *Make a Joyful Noise*

♪ (Refrain) **Make a joyful noise all the earth!**

**Worship your God with gladness.**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth.**

**Come to this place with a song!**

**Know that your God has made you.**

**Know it's to God we belong.**

**And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.**

**Worship your God with a song! R**

**Enter these gates, thanksgiving.**

**Enter these courts with praise.**

**Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.**

**Worship your God with a song! R**

**Ages through endless ages,**

**seasons of endless years,**

**the love of our Maker ever shall endure.**

**Worship your God with a song! R ♪**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Prairie Spirit United Church*

**For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked on this land.**

**The relationship with the land is at the center of our lives.**

**We acknowledge the first peoples and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. The land we worship and live on is part of Treaty 1.**

**Our water comes from Treaty 3 and our hydro from Treaty 5 territories.**

**We acknowledge errors made in the past by those arriving from other lands and we pledge to work towards the right relationships with all First Nations peoples.**

### DECLARATION OF RED DRESS DAY

### THE RED FEATHERS

READING: John 15:9-17 read by Rita Swan

HYMN: **VU646** *Siyahamba*

♪ **We are marching in the light of God,** (repeat)

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwnekos',** (repeat) ♪

### REFLECTION:

What is our response to MMIWG?

How do we love as Christ loves?

HYMN: **MV179** *Sisters Let Us Walk Together*

♪ **Sisters let us walk together, sharing sadness,  
loss and grief, we will move through pain to wholeness,  
brokenness transformed to peace.**

**Brothers let us work together, seeking justice,  
healing shame, filled with hope, imbued with courage,  
ev'ry violence we will name.**

**People let us love together, joining spirits,  
linking hands, we are God's unique creation,  
clothed with dignity we'll stand. ♪**

**GATHERING THE PRAYERS:**

With the offering of these prayers, we honor and remember all the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse People.

**With the offering of these prayers, we commit ourselves to growth, to truth, to reconciliation,  
and to working so that all may live freely and unafraid.**

**PRAYER:**

God of compassion **receive our prayers.**

**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 for a thousand tongues to sing* (Azmon) arr. Mark Hayes**

**Announcements**

**The Sunday School children** and youth are creating a Rock Garden by the Oak Street entrance. Stop by and admire the rocks they made for Advent and Lent. Thank you for your special gift for us.

**Sunday, May 19th**, there will be no Sunday School classes. The children will join us in the sanctuary for a special Pentecost Celebration. Special packages are prepared for the children.

**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, our scripture reader, Rita San, and everyone involved in our service today. Thank you to those who helped with the organizing of our picnic!

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## Coming Up...

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

Church Picnic

Rental—MRTA (sanctuary)

### MONDAY, MAY 6

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 10:45am

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 10am

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

Rental—Pembina Trails Voices (sanctuary) @ 4:30pm

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

Rental—Pembina Trails Voices (sanctuary) @ 12:30pm

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 2pm

### MONDAY, MAY 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### MONDAY, MAY 20

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, MAY 21

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 2:30pm

Council meeting (board room) @

7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, MAY 23

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, MAY 24

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

### SATURDAY, MAY 25

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 1pm

### MONDAY, MAY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 6pm

## 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?

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 3pm

### MONDAY, JUNE 3

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 10:45am

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

### THURSDAY, JUNE 6

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 10am

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### MONDAY, JUNE 7

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

