

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16, 2024



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. The disciples were filled with the Spirit and spoke in different languages preaching to all the people there who heard the message in their own language. It must have been an amazing site to behold the Spirit descending upon the disciples. That same Spirit is available to us as Christians to teach us and to empower us to continue the work of the disciples and of Christ. Pentecost was May 19th, and the season of Pentecost lasts till December 1st the first Sunday of Advent. this season is also known as Ordinary Time.

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 trans-
formed 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.

Irene Greenwood is a retired United Church minister serving in both rural and city ministry for 38 years in the three prairie provinces. Now retired, Irene lives in Winnipeg with her partner, Joan, and enjoys spending time with their five grandchildren. On a volunteer basis, Irene continues her work for the church as a support person for ministry personnel and through social justice work. In addition, she occasionally offers leadership for study group in her own congregation. Since retiring, Irene has renewed her interest in music by learning a new instrument - the ukulele. She and Joan participate in jam sessions, playing along with other ukulele players.

There is no Sunday School today. The last Sunday for Blue Jean Sunday School is Sunday, June 23. Packages are available at the back of the church for the kids.

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.

Fathers Day/Indigenous Day of Prayer

GATHERING MUSIC: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (Crusaders' Hymn) arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

HYMN: **VU223** *Eternal. Unchanging, We Sing*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

OPENING PRAYER

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

There is no shortage of situations in our world that need healing.

Forgive us when we look the other way, when we think there is nothing we can do.

There is no shortage of people in our world who need to be loved.

Forgive us when we fail to encourage the seeds of love to grow in our hearts.

There is no shortage of events in our world that bring suffering and pain.

Forgive us when we do not try to understand.

There is no shortage of places in our world where floods and wild fires, stifling heat waves and disappearing species fill us with worry.

Forgive our tendency to close our eyes and pretend all is well or simply give up.

The problems seem so big,

And we feel so small.

Forgive us—

And plant within us, the seeds of hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO: Paul Forget - *The Call*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ezekiel 17:22-24 & Mark 4:26-34 read by Fred Cross

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU713** *I See a New Heaven*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU537** *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*

♪ **Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.** ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV212** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

♪ **Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will!** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Magnificat Fugue in F major* Johann Pachelbel

Announcements

Come and join us for a walk to enjoy God's beautiful creation on Tuesday, June 25th at 9:30am. Meet at Bruce Park, which is off Portage at 1966 Portage, park on Ferry Road and meet at the sign right there at the entrance. We can walk through Bruce Park and go through Assiniboine Park and get coffee or tea or something cold at Mocha Jack's coffee shop or ice-cream at Sergeant Sundae. All are welcome. Please sign up for the walk at the back of the church or call into the office. Come whether you have signed up or not.

Tuesday, June 25th and Wednesday, June 26 from 7:00pm-9:00 pm meet at the church to canvas Oak Street for signatures to close the street for Celebration Sunday in September.

Remember in Prayer

- **Evan Demeduk**, as he shares his story with the Steinbach United Church congregation this Sunday.
- **Joseph (Joe) Nagy and his family** in their loss, Joe passed away a few weeks ago. Joe was part of the Hungarian United Church that met here at St. Andrew's and prior to that served as Chief Elder in the church for over 50 years. A memorial service was held for him last week with Rev. Karen Lumley officiating.
- **Rev. Karen Lumley**, as she drives to and from Saskatoon for the Living Skies celebrations of ordination for three of her close friends this weekend.
- **Robert & Kathy Maxwell**, in the passing of their father, Ian Maxwell, 3 weeks ago.
- **Gladys Mildren**, who is in the hospital.

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, Paul Forget, and our scripture reader, Fred Cross. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Irene Greenwood.

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Scripture Readings for next week:

- *1 Samuel 17:4–11, 19–23, 32–49
- Psalms 9:9–20
- or 1 Samuel 17:57—18:5, 18:10–16
- Psalms 133
- Job 38:1–11
- Psalms 107:1–3, 23–32
- 2 Corinthians 6:1–13
- Mark 4:35–41
- * This reading is the preaching text

Niigaan Sinclair is an Indigenous speaker, columnist, and professor at the University of Manitoba. He will be our guest speaker on Sunday, September 29th, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Coffee and Bannock will be served after church for a time of questions and conversation with Niigaan Sinclair. Mark the date on your calendar.

Summer Services

- June 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 we worship with Westworth at Westworth United Church.
Note: Westworth's services will not be live-streamed or recorded during the summer. Please attend in person, their services start at 10:45am.
- August 4, 11, 18, 25 & September 1 Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Rental—Graeme Leaver (sanctuary)
@ 6:30pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY JUNE 18

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 2:30pm
Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Rental—Sean Jackman (sanctuary)
@ 10:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)
@ 7pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Rental—Raymond Ding (sanctuary)
@ 1:30pm
Rental—Sean Jackman (sanctuary)

@ 6:30pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2:15pm

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Rental—Matthew Robinson (sanctuary) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Worship at Westworth @ 10:45am

MONDAY, JULY 1

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?

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Worship at Westworth @ 10:45am

MONDAY, JULY 8

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Rental—Jane Male (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Worship at Westworth @ 10:45am

MONDAY, JULY 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Worship at Westworth @ 10:45am

MONDAY, JULY 22

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, JULY 25

