

# FAMILY

Sunday, August 4, 2024



Summer is a time to be! A time to relax. A time to rest! A time to be with family and friends. Summer is a time to celebrate! Weddings, friends, family and yes, even church. We are glad you chose to be here today or to join us online. If you are from Westworth United Church, we are glad to be partnering with you again this summer. It is good to have services together. Actually, it is great! If you are visiting or new to River Heights feel free to come anytime! Come relaxed in shorts and a T-shirt. Be comfortable! Let's all connect! Let's all be together and just be! Come! As you are. So, enjoy your summer, enjoy your day, and enjoy time together here in this place at this 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 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.

**August dates for Walks** are Tuesday, August 6, 20, and 27. The first walk will be to St. John's Park in the Northend to participate in a Healing Spirit Walk. Email the office to sign up in July or sign up in August. Westworth participants are welcome. Meet at St. Andrew's at 8:45am if you want to carpool and we will meet at the park to walk at 9:30am at the entrance of the park. Other walks will include a walk in the north end or at the Forks and a time at one of the Cemeteries that facilitate Green Burials. Please sign up by email, at the back of the church on Sunday or call Rev. Karen Lumley to let her know you are planning on attending.

**Please Sign up** for facilitating refreshments after church on Sunday, August 25th and Sunday, September 1st. Thank you very much.

## Summer Services

August 4, 11, 18, 25 & September 1 Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

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.

## Family

GATHERING MUSIC: *For the beauty of the earth* (Dix) arrangements by Malcolm Archer and Andrew Fletcher

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: *(Adapted from Gathering Worship Resources)*

**We acknowledge this land on which St. Andrew's River Heights United Church & Westworth United Church gathers is Treaty 1 land, The traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples 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 of many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2024.*

All are welcome in this, our faith community.

**May we find the hospitality of radical fellowship and welcome.**

Worship with your prayers, your hearts and your hands.

**We worship together in this place.**

We worship together as Westworth and St. Andrew's and others who have come here and online.

**We are all a part of God's family, adopted into the family of Christ.**

Come let us worship together here in this place.

HYMN: **VU395** *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: *Gathering, j Pentecost 2024, written by Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.*

**And we invite others to join us in its light.**

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU337** *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024.*

**Lord, we come before you with open eyes and willing hands.**

**Guide us as we listen for your word, with shouts of praise and dances of joy.**

**As we strive to grasp the depth of your love,  
your compassion continues to surprise and uplift us.**

**We yearn to be your voice in this world.**

**Help us discern what is right, as we set our hope in Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Loralie Friesen - *I will lift mine eyes* by Dvorak

I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains,  
whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from God

Who hath made the earth and the heavens.

He will not suffer thy feet to be moved  
nor thy steps to stumble;

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, the keeper of Israel is He  
that slumbers not, nor sleeps.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 read by Teresa Sztaba  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU226** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (tune VU81)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
God hear our prayer. **And in your love answer.**

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: *Variations on "The Old 100th"* (All people that on earth do dwell) Denis Bedard

### Announcements

**Help!** Signatures are needed to close Oak Street for the Carnival. Come help us get signatures on Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. Let Rev. Karen Lumley know if you can come and help!

### **Remember in prayer**

**-Rita Swan**, who had a fall causing immobility for at least a few weeks. Pray for a speedy recovery.

**-Remember Coralie Standing** in your prayers. Coralie had a stroke and is presently still at Vista Park Lodge.

**-Fred Cross & Gladys' Family**, in the passing of Gladys Mildren on June 30th.

**-Ardelia Burrow**, who has moved into the Waverly. Do drop by and visit she would love to have the company.

### **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, Loralie Friesen, and our scripture reader, Teresa Sztaba from Westworth.

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**Niigaan Sinclair** is an Indigenous speaker, columnist, and professor at the University of Manitoba. He will be our guest speaker on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**August services** Come As You Are-in shorts, t-shirts, capris, jeans, Just Come! Be relaxed! Just Come and enjoy a less formal service and offer a special welcome to Westworth who will be joining us in August and the first week in September.

**Scripture Readings for next week**

- 2 Samuel 7:1–14a
- Psalms 89:20–37
- Jeremiah 23:1–6
- Psalms 23
- \*Ephesians 2:11–22
- Mark 6:30–34, 53–56
- \* This reading is the preaching text

**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.

**Coming Up...**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

RHS Development Day (lounge) @ 8am

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

RHS Development Day (lounge) @ 8am

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

Rental—Tam (auditorium) @ 2pm

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

Rental—Kyle Du Val (sanctuary) @ 9am

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Rental—Ron Sison (sanctuary) @ 2pm

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm  
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Celebration Sunday



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm  
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

Rental—Winnipeg Boys Choir (sanctuary) @ 2pm

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Rental—Groundswell (sanctuary) @ 12pm

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

