



Sunday, September 1, 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.

This is Paul Forget's last Sunday with us. Thank you, Paul, for your ministry with us these past years!

Thank you to those who volunteered to help with the refreshments these last two weeks, we appreciate you.

Help is needed for set up of the chairs and tables at 10am sharp for Celebration Sunday and take down. Please contact the church office or Rev. Karen Lumley if you can help.

Help! Pick up of the barricades and signs for the street closure for the Celebration Sunday are needed for Sunday, September 8th. Pick up on Friday, September 6 at 1101-1155 Pacific Avenue. A van or truck is needed. Contact the office or Rev. Karen Lumley if you can do this.

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.

Making Peace

GATHERING MUSIC: *Voluntary in A minor* Maurice Greene
Make me a channel of your peace arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

We acknowledge that this land on which St. Andrew's River Heights United Church & Westworth United Church gather 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: *Abingdon Worship Annual 2024.*

We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

May those who are grieving find comfort.

May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

May those who are waiting, find hope.

May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

Let us worship the One who gives us life!

HYMN: **VU677** *O God of Every Nation*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: *Gathering, 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: **VU684** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord, we cry out to you!

We cry out for help: when we turn away from you;

when we ignore the needs of our neighbors;

when we speak harsh words to those around us;

when we forget that we are your beloved children.

Draw us close and embrace us with your steadfast love and your healing grace.

In your merciful name, we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO: Paul Forget - *Agnus Dei* by Georges Bizet

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 read by Al Mapes
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU679** *Let There Be Light* vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Gracious God, hear our prayer, **and in your love answer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

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

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, Al Mapes from Westworth.

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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: Introduction and Toccata in G major William Walond

Announcements

Remember in prayer:

- **Rev. Milly Malavsky**, a former minister at St. Andrew's, whose brother, Mike, passed away this summer. Service will be in September with Milly officiating. Remember Milly and her siblings Vicky, and Ruth in your prayers.
- **Rita Swan**, who had a fall causing immobility for at least a few weeks. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23
 Psalm 125
 Isaiah 35:4–7a
 Psalm 146
 James 2:1–10, (11–13), 14–17
 Mark 7:24–37
 *Genesis 1
 * 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.



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

Coming Up...

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) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Celebration Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8TH

255 OAK ST.

Barbecue at 11:30



Hotdogs, chips, drinks all free!



Bouncy after the service ends til 1:00

BRING A CHAIR

