



Sunday, September 8, 2024



Summer has ended! The kids are back to school and we begin our new Church Year. This fall from Sunday, September 7th to Thanksgiving we are celebrating God's wonderful Creation. We will be reflecting on; *Act Fast*, edited by Alydia Smith -*Spiritual Practices for A Climate in Crisis*. This Sunday is Creation Sunday and we are Celebrating outside!

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.

Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 1st from 9:30am-10:30am in the lounge, all are welcome to attend.

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. Contact the Church office if you are interested in attending.

Register your children and youth for Sunday School. Sunday school begins Sunday, September 15th.

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.

Creation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND:

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect the Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples of this land. We share the responsibilities and privileges for living, working, and worshipping on Treaty 1 land. We are all Treaty people.

SONG: *Rise and Shine (Arky Arky)*

♪ **Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;
Children of our God.**

God said to Noah, "There's gonna be a floody, floody,"

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**Get those children out of the muddy, muddy,"
Children of our God.**

Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.

Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky.

Made it out of gopher barky, barky,

Children of our God.

**All of the animals, they came in by two-zies,
two-zies,**

**All of the animals, they came in by two-zies,
two-zies,**

Elephant and kangaroo-zies, roo-zies.

Children of our God.

Rained and poured for forty day-zies, day-zies.

Rained and poured for forty day-zies, day-zies.

Nearly drove those animals crazies, crazies.

Children of our God.

Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.

Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.

Dove came back with twig in her beaky, beaky.

Dove went out to take a peeky, peeky.

Children of our God.

This is the end of, the end of our story, story,

This is the end of, the end of our story, story,

Ev'rything is hunky-dory, dory.

Children of our God.

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;

Children of our God. ♪

TODAY WE CELEBRATE!

We come... **We come to celebrate!**

PRAYER

HYMN: **MV41** *O Beautiful Gaia*

♪ (Refrain) **O beautiful Gaia,**

O Gaia, calling us home.

O beautiful Gaia,

calling us on.

Soil yielding its harvest,

O Gaia, calling us home.

Soil yielding its harvest,

calling us on. R

Waves crashing, on granite,

O Gaia, calling us home.

Waves crashing, on granite,

calling us on. R

Pine bending in wind-storm,

O Gaia, calling us home.

Pine bending in wind-storm,

calling us on. R

Loon nesting in marshland,

O Gaia, calling us home.

Loon nesting in marshland,

calling us on. R ♪

READING: (based on Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Responses:

God - **WOW!**

So very good - **thumbs up**

Sun, moon, stars, light - **point to the sky**

Night/nighttime - **sleeping**

Water of any sort - **make waves**

Birds - **chirp**

Animals - **make noise of any animal**

Animals named - **make that noise**

Quiet - **ssh**

Walk - **feet and walk**

No - **shake your head**

Resting - **pretend you are snoozing**

INTERACTIVE REFLECTION

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Response – Thank you God: **We are grateful
God, for your gift of creation.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SONG: **VU229** *God of the Sparrow*

♪ **God of sparrow, God of whale, God of the swirling stars.
How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise.**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast.
How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save.**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave.
How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks.**

**God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal.
How does the creature say Care. How does the creature say Life.**

**God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook.
How does the creature say Love. How does the creature say Peace.**

**God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart.
How do your children say Joy. How do your children say Home. ♪**

GIFTS

BLESSING

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:

Psalm 19

Psalm 130

*Romans 8:18-27

* This reading is the preaching text

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.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Celebration Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Rental—Winnipeg Boys Choir (auditorium) @ 1:45pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday School begins

Rental—Groundswell (sanctuary) @ 12pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

ABC (lounge) @ 1pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Handbell Choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Truth & Reconciliation Service @ 10:30am

Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary) @ 7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Handbell Choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

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.



Stewardship
Seconds

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 6:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Handbell Choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Decorating the Church @ 8am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

