

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Sunday, September 22, 2024



We began our new Church Year last Sunday with Celebration Sunday. This fall, until Thanksgiving, we are celebrating God's wonderful Creation. We will be reflecting on: Act Fast: Spiritual Practices for A Climate in Crisis, edited by Alydia Smith. Last Sunday was Lamenting and Hope and this Sunday we are reflecting on Reconciliation with a special guest speaker, Niigaan Sinclair.

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.

Sunday School has begun! Register your children and youth. NEW Youth Sunday School (grades 9 and up) class meets in the lounge every Sunday after Children's time.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be away on Study Leave from Monday, September 23rd until Friday, September 27th. She will be attending DUCC (Diaconal Ministers of the United Church of Canada) meetings in Drumheller, Alberta.

The Manitoba Legislative Assembly Member's Statement is on the wall at the back of the Church. This prayer was created by River Heights Ministerial of which I am a part.

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.

Reconciliation/Healing/Walking Together

GATHERING MUSIC: *Benediction* (from 'Organ Mass') Theodore Dubois

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND: (Adapted from *Gathering Worship Resources*)

We acknowledge that this land on which St. Andrew's River Heights 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

HYMN: *We Belong to One Another* (text, Amanda Udis-Kessler; tune VU559)

♪ **We belong to one another.
To each other we are bound
As we build a world together
Full of joy that we have found.
What we owe to others.
When they need us, we respond.
We belong to one another
And we hold a common bond.**

**We rely on one another
At the dawning of our days
When we learn from those around us
How to live in loving ways.
As we grow, we need each other
And the gifts that we can share.
As our lives come to their ending,
How we need each other's care.**

**We give thanks for one another,
For each heart and hand and face.
We are grateful for the blessings
That infuse our lives with grace.
May we offer our abundance.
As we're given, may we give.
In our thanks for one another,
May we help each other live. ♪**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV53** *God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE:
Written by Lee Claus, 2001, Worship for All Seasons II, Year C, pg. 204.

Gracious and ever-giving God, we come to you with ears that do not hear, with eyes that do not see, with hearts that do not feel. Creation cries out as our broken ways visit pain upon your world. Our minds have become empty of caring for others. We think only of what we can hold and save for ourselves. We have forgotten our sisters and brothers and our relationship with creation, and we have become empty in our hearts. Forgive our separateness from you and from your creation story. Open our ears; open our eyes; open our hearts to your fiery, cleansing touch.

Through the warmth of sacred fire and the waft of sweet grass, we are assured that the sweet smoke of God's grace will purify and fill us with new life. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: *Ispiciwin* (text, Andrew Balfour; music, Orlando Gibbons, arr. Andrew Balfour)

Ispiciwin	<i>Journey</i>
Ispiciwin Tapwe	<i>Journey of truth</i>
Ispiciwin Pawatamawin	<i>Journey of dreams</i>
Kiyanaw	<i>Us</i>
Wekimakasikan	<i>Smudge</i>
Kihewataniy	<i>Eagle Feather</i>

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
read by Sonja Lundstrom
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SPEAKER: Niigaan Sinclair

HYMN: **MV154** *Deep in Our Hearts*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
We give thanks, **Great Spirit, for your creation.**

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, for-
give 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: **VU538** *For the Gift of
Creation*

♪ for the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our
hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that
we give. ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU298** *When You Walk from
Here*

♪ When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care. ♪

POSTLUDE: *We belong to one another* (Tune:
Nettleton) arr. Robert Hobby

Music Note

Today's anthem, *Ispiciwin* by Andrew Balfour, is
part of a larger project, "Nagamo," in which music
from the Elizabethan era choral tradition has been
"reshaped...by changing the Latin to Ojibway or
Cree perspectives." Although

the text of *Ispiciwin* is not a direct translation of the
original text to this familiar tune ("Drop, Drop Slow
Tears" by Orlando Gibbons), the new words add a
beautiful extra layer of meaning, and are, as com-
poser Andrew Balfour says, "a powerful and im-
portant step in reconciliation and healing."

Announcements

Niigaan Sinclair is an Anishinaabe writer, editor,
and activist based in Winnipeg. He received his
Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University
of Winnipeg; a Master of Arts in Native and African
American Literature from the University of Ok-
lahoma and a Doctor of Philosophy in First Na-
tions and American Literatures at the University of
British Columbia.

He is Head of the Department of Native Studies at
the University of Manitoba where he holds the
Faculty of Arts professorship in Indigenous
Knowledge and Aesthetics. He is a co-editor of
award-winning books, a journalist for the Winnipeg
Free Press and a former high school teacher. He
is a captain of the MAMA Bear Clan patrol in
North Point Douglas, Winnipeg's inner city. He is
the son of the former Canadian Senator Murray
Sinclair. Niigaan is a public speaker and media
commentator who was recently named to the
"Power List" by Maclean's magazine as one of the
most influential individuals in Canada. He has
helped to organize No More Winnipeg events and
he frequently speaks on Indigenous issues on
CTV, CBC and APTN. He has won many awards
for his speaking and we are honored to have him
with us today.

The Anna Blair Circle will meet on Tuesday,
September 24th, 2024, in the church lounge at
1:30pm. All women of the congregation are wel-
come. This will be a planning meeting for the up-
coming year. Please come and bring your good
ideas for programming and activities.

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue
every week at 1pm. If you would like to be in-
formed about the routes of these walks and would
like to have your email provided to the organizers,
please let the church office know.

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 and our scrip-
ture reader, Sonja Lundstrom. Thank
you to Niigaan Sinclair.

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More Announcements

Bible Study has been changed to Wednesday mornings and will begin on October 2nd from 9:30am-10:30am in the lounge, all are welcome to attend.

Get Your Groove On! If you like that nostalgia music from the 60's and 70's, St. Andrew's has a concert for you! Songs made famous by groups like The Beatles, Mamas and Papas and ABBA. The concert features the 'Groovy Things' quartet led by our very own Bill Quinn. It is happening here at St. Andrew's, in our sanctuary, on Saturday, Oct 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Tickets are available after each Service in the narthex or from the Church Office.

**Get Your Groove On
With
"The Groovy Things"**

Experience the 'Groovy Things' as they sing live vocal arrangement! Come and groove to the Mamas and Papas, the British Invasion and Hits of the 60's and 70's. Great Harmonies backed by 6 musicians to enhance that Pops sound.

Saturday | **19** | **2024**
October

Time: 7:30pm **Tickets: \$20.00**

Location: St. Andrew's River Heights United Church
255 Oak St. Winnipeg MB

Contact St. Andrew's Church Office to reserve tickets
and make payment
Phone (204)-488-1130 (Office open Mon- Fri)
or Email office@standrewsriverheights.com

Tickets also available at the door

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?

*Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @
10am*

ABC (lounge) @ 1:30pm

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

*Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary)
@ 7pm*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

*Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @
10am*

Coming Up...

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24