



THANKFUL

Sunday, October 13, 2024



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 we reflected on Discipleship in Creation and World Communion Sunday. This Sunday we celebrate Thanksgiving. We are glad to welcome you here.

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.

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

Bible Study is on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-10:30am in the lounge, all are welcome to attend. We will study Psalms 19-31, highlighting Psalms 21 & 31.

Upcoming Service

Sunday, October 20th - Guest Preacher, Rev. Irene Greenwood.

Scripture Reading for next week is Mark 10:35-45

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.

Thanksgiving Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *Come, you thankful people, come* (St. George's, Windsor) arr. Robert Hobby
Now thank we all our God (Nun danket alle Gott)
arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

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

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Act Fast, written by Al-
ydia Smith, Laura Kowalyk, and the Climate Motiva-
tors*

Creator, we marvel at the wonder of your works,
which are far beyond our comprehension.
We give thanks for all in your Creation that leaves us
awestruck,
we name some of them.

The blessings in our lives

The blooming of life around us

The silent unity of all Creation

The senses we use to experience the world

All the people that we love and who love us

The ability to breathe

**Everyone and everything that makes us who we
are.**

Thank you, God, for the wonders around us.

**May we act to ensure that future generations ex-
perience your wondrous world.**

HYMN: **VU516** *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU522** *Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest*
(Tune VU331)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering Resources
for Worship Leaders, Pentecost 2024, pg. 47, written
by Janis Francis, Indian Head, Saskatchewan,
adapted.*

**Loving God, help us to catch ourselves when we
are unkind and judgmental, when we complain
out of habit, and when we take people and bless-
ings for granted.**

**Forgive us for being careless with the world's
abundance.**

We know better. Help us to do better.

Give us strength to follow the Way of Jesus.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *This is the Day* (text, Psalm 118 v.24; mu-
sic Jacobus Handl Gallus)

This is the day,

The day the Lord hath made:

We will all rejoice, be glad in it!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Bernard Boland

Responsive Psalm: **VU824** Psalm 100 refrain 2

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

DUET: Loralie Friesen & Rachel Tarrant – *My Heart
Soars* (text, Chief Dan George; music, Ruth Watson
Henderson)

The beauty of the trees,

The softness of the air,

The fragrance of the grass,

Speaks to me.

The summit of the mountain,

The thunder of the sky,

The rhythm of the sea,

Speaks to me.

The faintness of the stars,

The freshness of the morning,

The dew drop on the flower,

Speaks to me.

The strength of fire,

The taste of salmon,

The trail of the sun,

And the life that never goes away,

They speak to me,

And my heart soars.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Jesus Christ and in him grow,

Praise to the holy spirit give

That we with God in love may live.

SERMON

HYMN: **MV181** *Lord, Your Hands Have Formed (Imegmoy pitak ay yay)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

You have given us riches beyond imagining. We give thanks and we celebrate.

Sung response: **VU732** *Psalm 8*

♪ **O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!** ♪

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: *Now thank we all our God* arr. Stanley Vann

Music Note

Today's duet, sung by Loralie and Rachel, has text written by Chief Dan George. Chief Dan George was a chief of the Coast Salish Tsleil-Waututh Nation, in British Columbia, an actor, activist, and poet. "My Heart Soars" is one of his most famous poems, set to music here by Canadian composer Ruth Watson Henderson.

You will notice a number of new faces in the choir these days, including three new section leaders: Rachel Tarrant (soprano), Kyler Humble (tenor), and Jack Hanson (bass). All three are students at the University of Manitoba's Desautels Faculty of Music, studying singing. Welcome to St. Andrew's! New members are always welcome in the choir. Speak to Katy if you would like to join us!

Announcements

Remember Rev. Lesley Fox in your prayers. Her mother, Jean Fox (Stevenson) passed away, Sunday, October 6 with family at her side.

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 Mamas and Papas and The Beatles. The concert features the 'Groovy Things' quartet led by our very own Bill Quinn. Is happening here at St. Andrew's, in our sanctuary, on Saturday, Oct 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Tickets available after each Service in the narthex or from the Church Office.

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 duo, Loralie Friesen & Rachel Tarrant, and our scripture reader, Bernard Boland.

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Announcements

ABC Group, next meeting is on October 22, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

Gabrielle Roy Museum, 375 Deschambeault Street, St. Boniface. Admission is adults \$8 & seniors \$5. The Group will meet at the Museum at 1:15 pm. It's always nice to learn about people from Winnipeg. All are welcome. Please let us know if you are attending. Message Kay Shawcross or Carol Neufeld at cawneufeld@hotmail.com Thank you. After visiting the Museum, we will go to Iris McKay's house for Tea, coffee, and dainties. Iris has graciously agreed to host.

Book Club for this month we are reading The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce. We will meet on Wednesday, October 30, at 1:30 pm in the church lounge to discuss the book and pick up the book for the next meeting. We get our books from the library as a kit and Ruth has some copies to lend to anyone interested in joining the group. She can be reached by e-mail (mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca) or phone (204-489-1537).

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Harvest Supper is back! Join us on Sunday, November 10th with seatings at 4:30pm & 6pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$6 for youth (ages 5-12) & children under 4 eat free! Tickets are available through the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm and Sundays after church service in the narthex. We look forward to seeing you there. **We need your help to make the supper successful.** Please sign up to help with anything that you are able to, sign up sheets are at the back of the church, or you are welcome to email Iris McKay (imckay@mymts.net) or the church office. We thank you so much for your support.

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?

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 60s and 70s. Great Harmonies backed by 6 musicians to enhance that Pops sound.

Saturday | 19 | 2024
October | 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

ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

HARVEST SUPPER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024
SEATING TIMES: 4:30PM OR 6PM

TICKETS:
ADULTS: \$25
YOUTH: \$6 (AGES 5-12)
CHILDREN 4 & UNDER: FREE

To avoid disappointment reserve your seats today by calling 204-488-1130, we accept cash, cheque, or e-Transfer which can be sent to wjcdlc@mymts.net (Please add a note that it is for Harvest Supper tickets and which seating)

Location: 255 Oak Street downstairs in the auditorium
 wine available for purchase

