



Sunday, October 20, 2024



Thanksgiving Sunday has come and gone. However, let us continue to live in gratitude for all God has given us. We are grateful for family, friends, church and a faith community that is there with us supporting us in our living. May we continue to count our many blessings and name them one by one, and live out our Thanksgiving by doing kind deeds for one another.

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 32-41 (39 and 41).

Scripture Readings for next week VU761 Psalm 34:1-8 & Matthew 22:34-46

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).

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.

Order of Service

GATHERING MUSIC: *Giver of the Perfect Gift*
(Song 13) arr. Healey Willan
Meditation Edouard d'Evry

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: (*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Jesus asks, "Can you drink the cup I drink?"
We can.

Jesus responds, "You will drink this cup."

What have we done? What have we said?

In worship, a light shines - guiding us, that we might see a way to fulfil our commitment. A light shines, that we may see the cup from which we drink.

May we be open to the light, and see to drink deeply from the cup.

HYMN: **VU603** *In Loving Partnership We Come*

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR THEME

PRAYER:

Holy One, as followers of Jesus we gather in. Together we build a community of love and caring

- for all people and indeed, for all creation.

In this time of worship, may we be reminded of one of the symbols of our faith - a cup.

And as we think about this cup,

may we find both comfort and challenge.

May our faith be strengthened and our willingness

to serve bring hope and love to our world. Amen.

HYMN: **VU567** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

AN INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10:35-45 read by Fred Cross

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

ANTHEM: *Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind* (text, John Greenleaf Whittier; music, Charles H.H. Parry)

Dear God, who loves all humankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful minds;
In purer lives, thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs, who heard,
Beside the Syrian Sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Til all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the hearts our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

SERMON

HYMN: **MV165** *There Is a Time*

AN AFFIRMATION:

There is a sacred power.

One that calls to us, "Can you drink this cup?"

We answer with creativity, bringing beauty into the world through colour, sound, pictures, words.

There is a sacred power.

Will you drink from the cup of justice?

We drink with the words we speak,

calling for a world in which all have a right to life

and an opportunity to share the bounties and beauty of creation.

There is a sacred power.

Will you pour the cup of hope?

**With courage, we make changes that offer hope to our world,
sometimes in small drops and sometimes in splashing torrents.**

There is a sacred power.

Will you fill to overflowing, the cup of love?

In love, we offer tenderness, comfort and a will to challenge.

There is a sacred power.

Will you offer the cup of peace?

**We share our openness with one another,
guided by honesty and compassion.**

There is a sacred power.

Will you rejoice in the cup of diversity?

**We celebrate differing traditions, colours, ideas,
belief systems, languages, and thoughts.**

There is a sacred power.

Will you honour the cup of life?

Life flows from us ... and it is sacred.

AN INVITATION (TO OFFERING)

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. ♪

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: **MV213** *Take Up His Song*

BLESSING & SCATTERING

POSTLUDE: *Sketch in D flat major* Robert Schumann

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.

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 scripture reader, Fred Cross. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Irene Greenwood

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Announcements

Remember in prayer:

- Rita Swan, who is preaching at McClure United this Sunday
- Rev. Patricia Baker, who is preaching at Rosser/Grosse Isle United Church.

Suggestion Box - How can we enhance worship? At the back of the church is a suggestion box with cards for you to write on what you like about worship, suggestions, speakers you might like to have, and ideas as to what might enhance our Sunday morning worship experience.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, October 27th - Mission & Service Sunday
- Sunday, November 3rd - Guest Preacher, Rev. Irene Greenwood.
- Sunday, November 10th - Remembrance Day Service
- Sunday, November 17th - Elements of Creation

November 1st - 4th Rev. Karen Lumley will be in Regina, Saskatchewan, officiating at a Service of Celebration for a family member.

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.

Save the Date: "For the Earth" November 22, 7:00pm

How can we be better stewards of this Earth? How can we move forward in hope that humanity can create a better future for our earth? How can we celebrate our home, while also acknowledging the harm we have created?

Please join the St. Andrew's Choir and Handbells at **For the Earth**, a climate-themed concert on Friday, November 22, 7:00pm as we consider these questions through music and readings. The concert features the Western Canada premiere of Canadian composer Paul Aitken's new work "Missa Pro Terra," a poignant re-imagining of the traditional mass setting for choir and soloists. Entry is by donation (\$20 suggested), and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to climate initiatives.

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...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

*Rental—Gilbert & Sullivan
(sanctuary) @ 2pm*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

*Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @
10am*

ABC (offsite) @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

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

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 12:30pm

*Handbell Choir practice (lounge) @
6pm*

