



Sunday, October 27, 2024



Today is Mission and Service Sunday - a Sunday to connect with other United Church people across the country. Our purpose is to share what we can with people and places in need. This is done through a unified fund called Mission and Service. By giving a gift to Mission and Service we transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose and build a better world. You are invited to give to the Mission and Service Fund to help support the United Church ministry around the world.

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 Psalm 42-56 (Psalm 46,51).

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 (mckenziegrst@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.

Mission & Service

GATHERING MUSIC: *Trio in C minor* Johann Krebs

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2011, ed. by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu.*

Love the Lord your God.

We come with love and hope!

Love your neighbors too.

We come with loving hearts.

Love even yourself.

We come in humble trust.

Love and you will live.

We come to worship God, so that love might live in us.

HYMN: **VU117** *Jesus Christ is Waiting*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU707** *For the Faithful Who Have Answered*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2014-2015, adapted*

O God, who knows our minds and hearts, we acknowledge that while we can recite the two great commandments with ease, we can barely live them. We like the convenience of thinking that an act of kindness to a stranger is an act of kindness to you. We shy away from the thought that as disciples of Jesus, we are to embody Christ's presence to others. Forgive us for not grasping the understanding of your becoming flesh and living among us. Teach us to live and love as you would have us to. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Go, and Be Light* (text, Valerie Kingsbury; music, Chris Bowman)

Go, and be light that shines through darkness.

Go, and share hope where none is found.

Go, and step out amidst uncertainty,

And strive for some common ground.

Go, and reach out your hands for healing.

Go, use your voice to speak of peace.

Go, and spread justice in your words and ways,

And may kindness, through love, increase.

Go, and be light!

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-46 read by Anne Grewar

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

SOLO: Susanne Reimer - *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* (arr. Richard Walters)
I am weak but Thou art strong.
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk dear Lord, close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
Daily waking close to Thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

SERMON:
Readers Fred Cross & Linda Paul

HYMN: **VU701** *What Does the Lord Require*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Response 1: **We thank you for the gift of life.**
Response 2: **We thank you for the gift of love.**
Response 3: **We thank you for the gift of compassion.**
Response 4: **We thank you for the gift of challenge.**
Response 5: **We thank you for the gift of our call to discipleship.**

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: **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: *Fanfare* (from Premiere Suite)
Jean-Joseph Mouret

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, Susanne Reimer and our scripture reader, Anne Gre-war. Thank you to our readers, Fred Cross & Linda Paul.

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Announcements

Upcoming Services

- 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.

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.

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 27

Outreach meeting (lounge) @ 11:30am

Rental— Gilbert & Sullivan (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Wes Organ Lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

RHS Daycare AGM(auditorium) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Bible Study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

