

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, April 20, 2025



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until June 8th, which is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until Pentecost. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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 Book Study is not meeting today. We will meet Sunday, April 27th, after church to discuss *Something Sacred, Reflections on Music and Faith*, pgs. 126 ff, Week 6 & Holy Week.

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week we will be studying the story of Thomas, John 20:19-31.

Upcoming Services

Sunday, April 27th - Baptism

Sunday, May 4th – Indoor/Outdoor Picnic. Dress casually and enjoy the service downstairs, hot dogs, picnic food, and games. Fun is to be had by all!

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter 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.

Easter Sunday Lessons and Carols

Please join in singing the Hymns, found in the red Voices United hymn book, standing as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC: *Easter Glory* (Low in the grave he lay & Christ the Lord is risen today) arr. James Curnow Dean Pollard, trumpet

WELCOME

INTROIT: *Hymn for Easter Day* (John Ness Beck)
Why weepst thou? Whom seekest thou?
He is not here, for he is risen!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN 1: VU155 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

BIDDING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CAROL 1: *Christ is Arisen, Alleluia* (arr. Zullinger)
Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death dispelling its gloom.

Refrain:

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.

Refrain

The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
Alleluia, alleluia!
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave clothes are lying there."
Alleluia, alleluia!

"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

Risen to set us free.

Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

LESSON 1: John 20:1-18
The Resurrection of Jesus, Jesus Appears to Mary
Magdalene
Reader: Evan Demeduk

HYMN 2: VU164 *The Day of Resurrection*

CHILDREN'S TIME

LESSON 2: John 20:19-29
Jesus Appears to the Disciples & Jesus and
Thomas
Reader: Izzy Dyck

CAROL 2: *That Easter Day* (William Maul)
Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Lord of all, with us abide
In this joyful Eastertide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God Creator, equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost we raise.

LESSON 3: Luke 24:13-16, 28-35
Jesus Appears to Two Disciples
Reader: Ben Dyck

HYMN 3: VU166 *Joy Comes with the Dawn*

LESSON 4: John 21:1-14
Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples
Reader: Jocelyn Carlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
The tomb is empty! Hope is alive! **Jesus is risen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL 3: *This is the Day Which the Lord Hath Made* (Pinkham)

This is the Day which the Lord hath made.
This is the Day which the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, and be glad in it.
Thou hast ascended up on high.
Thou hast led captivity captive.
Sing unto God, sing praises to God's name.
Sing unto God, sing praises to God's name.
Alleluia, alleluia.

LESSON 5: Matthew 28:16-20
Commissioning of the Disciples
Reader: Andrew Dolinsky

OFFERTORY: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
now is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen; we are risen;
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
Rain and dew, and dreams of glory
From the brightness of Thy face,
That we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with Thee!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to God on high;
Hallelujah to the Saviour,
Who has gain'd the victory,
Hallelujah to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah
To the Triune Majesty!

HYMN 4: VU173 *Thine is the Glory*

OFFERING PRAYER

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 readers.

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LESSON 6: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A Living Hope

Reader: George-Anthony Shariff

BLESSING

CAROL 4: Hallelujah Chorus (from *The Messiah*, G.F. Handel)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah:

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become

The kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ;

And he shall reign forever and ever.

King of Kings (forever and ever),

And Lord of Lords (forever and ever).

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE: *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German Dean Pollard,
trumpet; Ross Brownlee, trombone

Announcements

Thank you to Dean Pollard, our guest trumpeter and Ross Brownlee, our guest trombonist. Thank you to those who decorated the sanctuary for Easter!

The crosses the children and youth made are at the back of the church for anyone who would like one. They are a gift from the children to the congregation.

A group of St. Andrew's folks delivers a route for the Meals on Wheels program. The route takes just over an hour to complete, and we each choose the dates that work for our schedule. We are looking for a couple of people to join our team! Please contact Allison Koots at 204-284-5826 or the church office if you would like more information.

Girl Guide Cookies are for sale today, next week and, Karen has some in her office. One of our youth, Jocelyn Carlson, will be attending the Worldwide Girl Guide Conference in Switzerland this year and is raising money for that trip. Let's support her and her troop as they work towards this. Cookies are \$6.00 a box.

Fifty Years! The Anna Blair Circle - 1975-2025

Sunday, May 25, 2025, Special service and lunch!

Come celebrate with the Anna Blair Circle. Please invite those you know who may be interested in this event - Friends of ABC (formerly UCW), and of St. Andrew's - to join us. We are looking forward to greeting old and new friends.

The Fellowship Group hosts coffee time after church most Sundays but needs assistance. On May 4th and June 1st, a volunteer is needed to prepare the coffee time. If you are available, please sign up. Thank you very much.

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.

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?

