

Baptism



Sunday, April 27, 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.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.
Theresa Anne Belton Henderson is being baptized.
Parents are Robert Belton & Margret Henderson

Thank you to the children and youth who made the crosses and gifted them to the congregation. We appreciate them.

Sunday morning Book Study Group are reflecting on *Something Sacred Reflections on Music and Faith* pgs. 126 ff, Week 6 & Holy Week. Book Study is on Sunday after Church in the lounge.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (Llanfair, arr. Rob Mallory)

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH:
An update from Council – Rita Swan

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2025.*

With trumpet sounds and singing hearts, **we come to praise the Lord.**
As faithful witnesses of Christ's grace and love, **we come to praise the Lord.**
Coming here with our doubts and our faith, **we come to praise the Lord.**

HYMN: **VU245** *Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet*

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see booklet)
Theresa Anne Belton Henderson, the child of Robert Belton & Margret Henderson.

Hebrew Benediction **VU965**
The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make his face shine up on thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU448** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2025.*

Loving Christ, you welcomed Thomas' questions, even his doubts.
Welcome us, too, with your grace and your love.
Offer your hands of forgiveness and show us the truth of your presence.
Fill us with the power of your love that your grace, forgiveness, and love may flow freely to others.
In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Easter Joy* (words and music, W.H. Anderson)
Easter comes with festive gladness,
Herald of returning spring;
Earth awakes in jubilation,
Life and health to all to bring.
Bells ring out their joyous message,
Death's dark veil by love is torn:
Christ hath burst its bonds asunder.
Hail the resurrection morn!

Through the winter, nature sleeping,
Gathers strength its work to do.

Now, revived, to life it springeth,
From the seed its gifts to woo.
Birds, their sweetest carols chanting,
Green this season of the year;
Flowering buds, their heads uplifting,
Deck the pastures with good cheer.

With the rising of earth's chorus
On this festal Day of days,
Choirs, in songs of exaltation,
Join in thankfulness and praise.
"Alleluia!" all are singing,
Blending in one grand acclaim,
"Christ o'er darkness is triumphant!
Laud and magnify his name!"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31 read by
Anne Grewar

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

HANDBELL CHOIR: *Carillon Celebration* (Douglas
Wagner)

SERMON

HYMN: **VU170** *When Thomas First the Tidings
Heard* (Additional verses)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Where there are doubts, **there is faith.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **See insert** (Music,
Shauna Sperry. From *Gathering, Pentecost 1*
2025, pg.60. Used with permission)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *When Thomas first the
tidings heard* (O fillii et filiae) arr. Christopher
Tambling

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
VU116 *Giver of the Perfect Gift* vs. 4
♪ **Oh, may these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise
we may keep thy feast at last.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU113** *To the Desert Jesus
Came* vs. 4

♪ **From the ashes to the hill,
we'll travel on our Lenten road.
Hand in hand we'll cross this sand,
and share each other's heavy load.
Together through the valley,
we'll watch the changing sky.
Together through the valley,
as Easter's dawn draws nigh.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Laudation* (Brenda Austin)

Music Note

We've gone very local with some of our music this morning! Today's choir anthem is by William H. Anderson, former music director of this congregation, and the piece itself has the dedication: "To Reginald Hugo, Esq., and the Choir of St. Andrew's River Heights, Winnipeg, Canada." The sung Lord's Prayer is composed by Shauna Sperry, the music director of Charleswood United Church.

In the handbells' postlude, "Laudation," you'll notice that it is written in a minor key, and yet it still sounds joyful and celebratory because of the interesting rhythmic lines that make it dance a little bit!

Announcements

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week we will be studying Acts 19:1-6.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on Study Leave from Monday, May 5th, to Wednesday, May 13th. She will be working on Worship Planning for the summer.

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, handbell choir and our scripture reader, Anne Grewar.

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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.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, April 27th - Baptism
- Sunday, May 4th – Indoor/ Outdoor Picnic, dress casual, service downstairs, fun/food/ community
- Sunday, May 11th – Guest preacher Rev. Ray Cuthbert

Fifty Years! The Anna Blair Circle - 1975-2025 Sunday, May 25, 2025, Special service and free 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. Please sign up at the back of the church if you are attending the lunch.

The Fellowship Group hosts coffee time after church most Sundays but needs assistance. On 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.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary) @ 10am
100th planning committee (lounge) @ 1pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am
Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary) @ 4:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Rental—Nuovoce (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Rental—Nuovoce (sanctuary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, MAY 5

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am
Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm
P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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?

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—Winnipeg Sonora Voices (sanctuary) @ 4:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Rental—Winnipeg Sonora Voices (sanctuary) @ 12:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 12

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

