

HAPPY *Mother's* DAY

Sunday, May 11, 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.

Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from Monday, May 5th, to Wednesday, May 14th. She is working on Worship Planning for the summer.

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week we will be studying Revelation 21:1-6.

Ray was ordained in Winnipeg in 1979 and, in addition to pastoral duties, served on the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. He was Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada from 2004-2006. Prior to retirement, he served 18 years as the founding minister at Broadway Disciples United Church here in Winnipeg.

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.

Mother's Day

GATHERING MUSIC: *Our parent, by whose name all parenthood is known* (Rhosymedre) Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

Today, we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

Thank you, God, for giving us mothers.

We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.

We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.

For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

HYMN: **VU626** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU657** *He Leadeth Me*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Divine Lover,

Your life pulses in each of our hearts,
and your love permeates each of our lives.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

Your care sustains us in each moment,
and your compassion guides us in each situation.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

When we fall, you lift us,
When we fail, you restore us,
When we are wounded, you nurse us,
When we grieve, you weep with us.

We, your daughters and sons, praise you.

But we have failed to love as you do,
We have abused our bodies and those of others,
We have filled our minds with selfish dreams, and violent plans,
We have made our hearts cold and empty of compassion,

**We have forgotten our spirits,
and distorted your image within us.**

As a mother disciplines her children,
We ask you to discipline us;
As a mother forgives the sons and daughters who hurt her,
We ask you to forgive us;
As a mother calls her children to be reconciled with their siblings,
We ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another.
In Christ's Name.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Call Them to Mind* (words, Clark Saunders; music, Craig Cassils, Rachel Tarrant - Flute)
Call them to mind, call them to heart;
If you call, they will come.
They will never depart
If you call them to mind, call them to heart.

Those we have known and miss today
Are gone now from our sight
And have left feeling alone.
Yet sometimes they seem so close to us.
We sense they are not far away
When we feel the love we've known.

Call them to mind...

Those we have loved and lost awhile
Have gone to be with God;
They have found a blessing of rest.
Yet sometimes they come and touch our souls
And bring a tear or raise a smile,
And we know that we are blest.

Call them to mind...

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Leigh & Jocelyn Carlson
Epistle reading: Revelation 7:9-17

SOLO: Katy Harmer - *The 23rd Psalm: Dedicated to My Mother* (words, Psalm 23, adapted by Bobby McFerrin; music, Bobby McFerrin)
The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows.
Beside the still waters, She will lead.
She restores me soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in the path of good things,
She fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land
 There is nothing that can shake me,
 She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her
 hand.
 She sets a table before me in the presence of my
 foes,
 She anoints my head with oil, and my cup over-
 flows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness
 Will follow me all the days of my life,
 And I will live in Her house forever and ever.
 Glory be to our Mother and Daughter
 And to the Holy of Holies.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
 World without end. Amen.

Gospel reading: John 10:22-30
 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: *The Church is NOT Made Up of Listen-
 ers!*

HYMN: **VU556** *Would You Bless Our Homes and
 Families*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
 Loving God, we know your love because we have
 mothers.
**We thank you for the mothers who carried us in
 their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bring-
 ing us into the world.**
 We thank you for the mothers who did not give
 birth to us, yet loved us just the same.
**With gratitude, we remember their words of en-
 couragement when we have felt unsure or
 afraid;**
**we thank you for their kindness when the world
 has treated us unkindly;**
**we thank you for their soft, comforting arms
 and the gentle way they kissed away our tears;**
**we thank you that they protected us with the
 fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs;**
**we thank you for the times when they corrected
 us rather than letting us continue down wrong
 paths.**
 Help us to live so that their investment in us might
 not be in vain.

**We honour our mothers with lives of service to
 you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in
 his Name we pray. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *All praise to Thee, my
 God, this day* (Tallis' Canon) arr. Robert Hobby

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:

MV182 Grateful (refrain)
 ♪ **Grateful for the life you give us,
 thankful for your Holy Son,
 joyful in your Spirit flowing
 over all, O God of Love.
 Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
 thankful for your Holy Word,
 joyful in your mercy flowing,
 we will praise you. ♪**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV214** *May God's Sheltering
 Wings*

♪ **May God's sheltering wings,
 her gathering wings protect you
 May God's nurturing arms,
 her cradling arms sustain you,
 and hold you in her love,
 and hold you in her love. ♪**

POSTLUDE: *Allegro* from *Concerto #4 in F major*
 George Frederic Handel

Music note

We've gone very local with our anthem again!
 Craig Cassils was born and raised in rural Manito-
 ba and lives in Winnipeg. He has partnered with
 poet Clark Saunders to write new music for wor-
 ship. Clark Saunders may be a familiar name be-
 cause he was the minister at Westworth in the
 2000s. This song, "Call Them to Mind," has the
 dedication, "To our mothers, Eva Cassils and Janet
 Saunders: often called to mind and called to heart."

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, Katy Harm-
 er, and our scripture readers, Leigh & Joce-
 lyn Carlson. Thank you to our guest preach-
 er, Rev. Dr. Ray Cuthbert.

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Announcements

Blue Jean Sunday School begins May 18. Children and youth come dressed casually to be outside to enjoy God's wonderful creation.

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.

Celebration Concert! Sunday, May 25, 2:00pm, at St. Andrew's River Heights. Come celebrate 100 years of music in the United Church of Canada with the choirs of Westworth and St. Andrew's! The program features favourite hymns and anthems from each congregation and the United Church over the past 100 years. Everyone is invited to attend and join in singing the hymns! Entry is by donation (suggested \$20). You can get your tickets starting this week after the service, or stop by the church office during the week.

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, MAY 5

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Book club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Rental—Judy Braun (lounge) @ 12:30pm

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.

'DID YOU KNOW' Message From Your Stewardship Team

Total revenues for St. Andrew's from all sources in 2024 were \$422,300. Member givings of that amount were \$230,900 or 54.7% of the total. The very significant remaining balance (some 45%) is made up from other sources, including rental income, interest from investments, and income from the St. Andrew's Foundation. It is important to note that the 54.7% component from Member givings has been declining over the years. A sustained continuation of that trend, in the longer term, could threaten the viability of St. Andrew's and our Christian presence in the community we serve. **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.**

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 5:15pm

MONDAY, MAY 19

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 20