

Herstory

Sunday, May 25, 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.

Share Your Story On A Recipe Card

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations, we are inviting everyone to reflect on their journey with the United Church. This Sunday at Worship, and outside Karen's office, there will be recipe cards for you to take. Instead of asking you to share a favourite recipe or dish, we are asking you to share a slice of your faith story.

You will have the chance to answer one of the following three questions, whichever one you choose:

1. **What brought you to the United Church?**
2. **What is your most memorable or enduring recollection affiliated with being part of the United Church?**
3. **What has kept you engaged over the years in the church?**

You can bring your idea to church today, or take your card home, reflect on your response, write it down, and bring it back next week. You can either post your card on the bulletin board in the sanctuary or drop it in the offering plate, and we will make sure it is posted there and in the upcoming E News.



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.

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Resources Adapted from UCW Worship Service
60th & 100th Anniversary

GATHERING MUSIC: *O strength and stay, up-
holding all creation'* Tune John Bacchus Dykes
arr. June Nixon

Procession June Nixon

WELCOME

HIP HAPPENIN' NEWS: Lorilee Friesen, Rachel
Tarrant & Sarah Schellenberg

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU380** *She Comes Sailing*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Written by Elaine Bur-
rows, president of Maritime UCW, January 2022.*

Read by Heather Mian

We gather today to celebrate, to remember, to of-
fer gratitude for 50 years of Christian witness,
study, fellowship, and service. **We give thanks.**

For the leadership inside and outside the walls of
the church, and at all levels of the United Church
Women. **We give thanks.**

For the hospitality, pastoral care, and outreach
ministries provided through receptions and events
of all kinds. **We give thanks.**

For the willingness to fill in when needed – to lead
a church service, to organize an event, and to pro-
vide money for an item not on any budget line. **We
give thanks.**

For attending meetings – local, provincial, regional
and national, and bringing back ideas, new study
books, and new hymn suggestions. **We give
thanks.**

For supporting camping ministries, Vacation Bible
Schools, Sunday School, World Day of Prayer,
Mission and Service, food banks, and much more.
We give thanks.

For decorating at Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving
or finding someone to take on the task. **We give
thanks.**

For pushing for changes when the carpet got worn,
the curtains shabby, and the room needed a clean-
ing and, painting, or redecorating. **We give
thanks.**

For their many and varied ministries over the
years. **We give thanks for their gifts and talents,
and sharing their treasures.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU590** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

HERSTORY OF ABC: Diane Wreford

ANTHEM: *A Part of the Story* (text, Clark Saun-
ders; music, Craig Cassils)

There was Abraham walking with Sarah
Trusting God would show them the way;

There was Miriam leading the dancers,
While Moses learned what he should say;

There was Ruth with her steady devotion,
And the prophets who spoke against wrong;

They were all a part of the story,
They were all a part of the song.

There was Martha, believing in Jesus,

And Mary who wanted to learn;

There was Peter, so ready to follow,

Zaccheus so ready to turn.

There was Paul, proclaiming the Gospel,

And Stephen facing the throng;

They were all a part of the story,

They were all a part of the song.

But the story is still being written;

The song is still being heard.

Where people are touched by the Gospel

And lives are changed by the Word,

The story will be never ending,

I will help to pass it along.

Let me be a part of the story,

Let me be a part of the song.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 10:38-42 read by
Sonja Lundstrom

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

SERMON

HYMN: **VU580** *A living Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *See insert* (Music, Shauna
Sperry. From Gathering, Pentecost 1 2025, pg.60.
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OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Trumpet Tune* Ra-
chel Laurin

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: *Christ is made the sure foundation*
(Westminster Abbey) arr. Robert Hobby

Music Note

Continuing our local-music trend, we are doing another new worship song from the collaboration of Craig Cassils (Winnipeg-based composer) and Clark Saunders (former minister at Westworth), "A Part of the Story." The inscription for this piece reads: "The story of people of faith is one that stretches far back in time and includes many individuals in scripture. As we go on telling the story, we can keep it alive and become a part of the continuing story ourselves."

Today's first hymn is by songwriter Gordon Light, an Anglican Priest and Bishop, and former rector of St. Luke's here in Winnipeg. He has written other well-known hymns with the group Common Cup, including "Joy Comes With the Dawn" and "Draw the Circle Wide."

Announcements

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, our scripture reader, Sonja Lundstrom and all of our readers today who helped make this 50th celebration of ABC happen

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Remember in prayer Rita Swan, who is preaching at McClure United this morning.

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.

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 at the door.

Blue Jean Sunday School continues. Dress casually for the outdoors if the weather permits.

Bible Study continues until the end of May. This week, we will be studying John 17:20-26. Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge.

The decades sheets are in the Board Room (old chapel) for you to let us know when you came into the United Church. You can also send Karen or the office an email, and they will post it. We will be taking these over to Westworth as part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Upcoming Services

- **Sunday, June 1st** - Pride Sunday, Service at St Andrew's with Westworth and guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ray Cuthbert
- **Sunday, June 8th** - Celebrating UCC 100th Anniversary with Westworth at Westworth United Church at 10:45am.

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Pride Parade - Sunday, June 1st.

All United Churches will be meeting on Memorial Blvd somewhere (specific location to be determined). We will have a truck again this year, so you can look for that. The parade starts at 11am, so please arrive between 10am and 11am. Bring water and dress colourful!

Hip Happenin' News needs three volunteers for Sunday, June 1st, to be the reporter, the anchor, and the official-looking man in a suit. Please contact Rev. Karen Lumley if you can help with this.

Jubilee 2024 Petition is at the back of the church if you care to sign it. The petition addresses systemic injustice for those countries struggling with debt. The petition is a UN initiative. Jubilee is gathering signatures to help those countries repay their debt at a slower rate or have the debt forgiven. More information is available at the back of the church. This is an opportunity to turn debt into hope.

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.

Camp Rockland at Argyle, Manitoba, is a United Church Camp and has camp sessions open for 2025 for children and youth. This summer. Visit their website: www.rockdale.com for more infor-

mation or email at camp@rocklake.com.

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 25

ABC 50th Anniversary Service (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

ABC 50th Anniversary Lunch (auditorium) @ after service

100th Anniversary Concert (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, MAY 26

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Choir Dinner (auditorium) @ 6pm

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Rental—Thersa Thordarson (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Pride Sunday Service (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm

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

The 2025 budget for St. Andrew's includes an anticipated draw of \$32,000 from capital sources to balance forecasted revenues and expenses. The year 2024 just past anticipated a similar capital draw. The good news is that for 2024, we did not have to use any capital to meet our financial needs. A number of members gave significantly more than they pledged, particularly towards the end of the year. And we added several new members and their contributions. There is no guarantee that this will repeat itself in 2025. **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Service @ Westworth United Church @ 10:45am

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm