

GOD'S LOST AND FOUND



Sunday, September 14, 2025



As we begin our new church year together, we are reminded that Thanksgiving is only one month away. This year, we are going to be "Offering Gratitude, each Sunday for five weeks. Let us give thanks to God, the Creator of all. Come and be a part of our journey together this fall. GRATITUDE!

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and running Celebration Sunday. We also want to thank everyone who helped with packing up afterward.

Register your children and youth for Sunday School. Sunday school begins today..

The transplant surgery for Karen and her brother-in-law, Greg, is postponed.

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.

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GATHERING MUSIC: *Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound* arr. Robert Hobby
For the fruit of all creation (Ar hyd y nos) arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Prayers to Share, Year C, written by David Sparks.*

Give thanks to God for this morning.

For the glory of God's creation is spread before us.

Give thanks to God for our living.

For the love of family and friends surrounds us.

Give thanks to God for this hour of worship.

For the opportunity to praise and pray, to listen and reflect, is grace to us. Let us worship God!

HYMN: **VU227** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

PRAYER FOR COVENANTING AT THE START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Prayers to Share, Year C, written by David Sparks.*

Sunday School Teacher/Superintendent: Jan Demeduk

Youth Class: Jason Dyck

We celebrate the faithfulness of all who worship, Sunday by Sunday.

We are celebrating community, Loving God.

We celebrate the joy of youth returning to Sunday School, and the dedication of their teachers.

We are celebrating community, Loving God.

We celebrate the prophets, leaders, and heroes of the Hebrew Scriptures, and the New Covenant revealed in Jesus Christ.

We are celebrating community, Loving God.

We celebrate the work of your Holy Spirit, bringing compassion, justice, and a challenge to each of us, and to this church. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU360** *A Woman and a Coin*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Prayers to Share, Year C, written by David Sparks.*

You are the seeker of the lost, O God. You put us on the right path when we have gone astray. In the rush of daily living, we have lost the ability to be still.

You find us, O God, in a willingness to seek moments of peace amidst the busiest days.

In our haste to judge others harshly, we have lost the ability to see the good in each person.

You find us, O God, as we look compassionately and discover skills and values of lasting worth.

In our pursuit of personal gain, we have lost the ability to meet the needs of the those who are in need.

You find us, O God, as we encourage the distressed and share resources with those whose needs are great.

In our concern to be successful in this world, we have sometimes lost the way of faith that leads to your Realm,

You find us, O God, in a return to Christian discipleship and a sharing with others in Christ's life-giving work.

ANTHEM: *Behold the Beauty of the Lord* (Gertrude Enid Ostby, text; W.H. Anderson, music)

Behold the beauty of the Lord,

My light and my salvation,
He set my feet upon the rock,
And saved from condemnation.
Though an host encamp around me,
My heart will know no fear;
In His pavilion I shall bide,
His sheltering wings are near.
My soul, wait thou upon the Lord,
His mercy ne'er shall cease;
His ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all his paths are peace.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-10 read by
Diane Bewell
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Katy Harmer - *O Love of God, How Strong and True* (Horatius Bonar, text; English Folk Melody, arr. Howard Helvey)
O love of God, how strong and true,
Eternal and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought,
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O wide-embracing, wondrous love!
We read you in the sky above,
We read you in the earth below,
In seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read your power to bless and save,
E'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still more in resurrection light
We read the fullness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU266** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Lord, hear our prayer **and in your love answer.**

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 Harmer, and our scripture reader, Diane Bewell. Thank you to Ann Marie Bakkelund for playing the offering.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *St. Anthony Choral* Franz Joseph Haydn
Organist - Ann Marie Bakkelund

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
There's Enough for All (Words and music: Bryan Moyer Suderman)
♪ **There's enough for all if we would learn to share it,
there's enough for all, oh help us to believe.
There's enough for all. Let's bring our loaves and fishes,
and offer them to Jesus. There's more than enough for you and me.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: *May the Peace of Christ Be with You* (additional text by Lori Tru)
♪ **May the peace of Christ be with you.
May the love of Christ dwell deep in your heart.
May the Spirit enlighten your way.
May you live in the comfort of God's care.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *March* Jacques Lemmens

Music Note

Today, we welcome Ann Marie Bakkelund on the organ to play the offering music! Ann Marie joined the choir last fall, and since then has been a dedicated and faithful member of the soprano section. She also plays the organ! Thank you, Ann Marie!

The St. Anthony Chorale is a melody that Johannes Brahms used in a set of theme and variations, composed in 1873. The melody is sometimes attributed to Josef Haydn, but researchers have concluded that it is a misattribution. St. Anthony of Padua is the patron saint for the recovery of lost items -- perfect for this morning's scripture readings.

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Announcements

Remember in Prayer:

- Phyllis Thomson, who is in the hospital
- Audrey Belyea, who is in the hospital
- Ardelia Burrow, who has been moved to a nursing home

Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 24, at 9:30am in the lounge. All are welcome to attend.

Are you a reader? Join the St. Andrew's Book Club. Our meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24, at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. We will be sharing what we've read on our own over the summer. At the meeting, we'll pick up the book for the next meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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, SEPTEMBER 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 6pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Rental—Jayden Fraser (sanctuary) @ 4pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Rental—Lola Ona-Adigun (lounge) @ 12pm

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (board room) @ 10am

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15



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