



Sunday, September 28, 2025



This Sunday, we wear orange to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools. We wear orange in the name of compassion and the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation.

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.

Outreach Group Members

Anne Grewar – Chair

Vinny Ashton

Allison Koots

Peter Brehaut

Sonja Lundstrom

Kathy Knowles

Heather Mian

Patricia Baker

Loralie Friesen (Council Liaison)

Bible Study is on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the lounge. We will be studying together, Luke 17:5-10. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Orange Shirt Day

The Covenant of Reconciliation: 2020 the United Church of Canada Resources for Worship, written by: Rev. Carolyn Wilson Wynne (Clair United Church on Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Sarnia, Ontario)

GATHERING MUSIC: *Jesus Christ is waiting*
(Noel nouvelet) arr. Lloyd Webber
On Eagle's Wings arr. Robert Hobby

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TERRITORY
Here we congregate on Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Ojibwe, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. Where we now gather, generations gathered long before Europeans landed on these shores. The original inhabitants of this land, known to some as the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island, took seriously the Creator's call to be stewards of air, land, water, and creature. This morning, we pray our thanks for their conservancy; we exist in this place because of the lessons they continue to teach. Let us come before the Creating One as we offer our prayers, hear holy stories, and sing sacred songs.

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Jocelyn Carlson

HYMN: **VU117** *Jesus Christ is Waiting*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRAYER:

Creator God, Great Spirit, we pray our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space.

Here we are most aware of the gift of wind:

and the four directions from which it comes.

Here we are most aware of the gift of sun:

and the four directions on which it shines.

Here we are most aware of the gift of humanity;

and the four directions in which we exist.

Here we are most aware of the gift of Creation:

and the four directions which support our living, breathing, and being.

This day we pray thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people of Canada.

and we commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU808** *On Eagles Wings*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we sometimes shy away from taking responsibility for our actions and for the actions of our ancestors for our part in the Residential school history.

We would rather ignore this and for that God, we are sorry.

We seek your forgiveness and healing grace as we take steps toward building respectful, compassionate, and loving relationships with the Indigenous people of Canada.

In the midst of a long and painful journey towards repentance, reconciliation, and healing help us to commit to the work of ensuring that we never again use our power or misguided attitudes of superiority to hurt others.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Wake, O My Soul* (words and music, Pat Mayberry; arr. David Kai)

Wake, O my soul to earth and sea and sky.

Wake to the forests, fields, the mountains high.

Open my eyes to every rock and tree,

The Holy in all we see.

You the light of all creation, blessed be your name.
Every seed, every soul your Love proclaim.

Wake, O my soul, to justice and to peace.

Wake to a world where hate and war shall cease.

Where every truth and story is revealed,

The wounds of the past can heal.

You the light...

Wake, O my soul, to laughter and to song.

Sing alleluia, every doubt be gone.

Stir in our hearts a sacred harmony,

A prayer of community.

You the light...

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Anne Grewar

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel reading: Luke 16:19-31

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

QUINTET: Loralie Friesen, Katy Harmer, Susanne Reimer, Sarah Schellenberg & Rachel Tarrant -
The Sleepy Song: A Cree Lullaby (Woodland Cree text and music, Sherryl Sewepagaham)

Nipa, kisâkihitin

[Go to sleep, I love you]

SERMON: Rev. Joshua Ward

HYMN: **MV154** *Deep in Our Hearts*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Jesus Christ is waiting* (Noel nouvelet) arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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* (words & music by Izumi Shiota, 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: *Postlude in D*
C. Armstrong Gibbs

Music Note

Today, as we mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we offer Sherryl Sewepagaham's "Sleepy Song: A Cree Lullaby." Sherryl is Cree-Dene from the Little Red River Cree Nation in northern Alberta, and is a wonderful music educator and advocate for the preservation and creation of Cree music. She writes, "This lullaby was created in the spirit of my great-grandmother's lullabies to soothe the spirit and the child within us all."

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 quintet: Loralie Friesen, Katy Harmer, Susanne Reimer, Sarah Schellenberg & Rachel Tarrant. Thank you to our scripture reader, Anne Grewar. Thank you to our guest speaker, Rev. Joshua Ward.

The Lord's Prayer

Shauna Sperry

Our Fa-ther, in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be your
name. Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in
heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pass-
es, as we for-give those who tres-pass against us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from
e-vil. For thine is the king-dom the pow'r and the
glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men.

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Announcements

A special welcome to Rev. Joshua Ward. Rev. Joshua Ward is the Site Lead at 1JustCity at the Pimicikamak Wellness Centre.

Josh grew up at St. Andrew's and pursued a call to diaconal ministry at the Centre for Christian Studies, which led him to 1JustCity, where he has been for 10 years now. He says, *"My time at St. Andrews as a child/youth/young adult instilled in me the importance of finding ways to contribute to my community and for me, that has meant working with people living in poverty."* He is our guest speaker this Sunday.

Do you want to learn about your faith, the church, how it came to be, and is supposed to function? Come to Confirmation Classes that are going to be offered in the fall for adults and in the spring for youth. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley.

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, October 5th - World Communion
- Sunday, October 12th - Thanksgiving

Book Study is starting up again in October! We meet on Sunday afternoons after the service for fellowship and lively discussions. Our book this fall is still being decided; if you'd like to join us (and have a say in our chosen title!), please email Loralie at loraliefriesen@gmail.com to be added to the email list. We hope to see you there!

Aaron Hutton Sings the Crooner Collection

If you enjoy those sentimental fa-

vourites popularized by the likes of Tony Bennett, Sinatra, and maybe Bobby Darin, then St. Andrew's has the concert for you. The concert features our very own Aaron Hutton, accompanied by a terrific Jazz pianist. Aaron has performed as tenor lead in the St. Andrew's choir for approximately 3 years and is well recognized throughout the Winnipeg arts and musical community, both in musical theatre and the classical scene.

But in this concert, he will jam to those familiar tunes that will send you home humming your favourites.

It is happening here at St. Andrew's, in our sanctuary, on Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Available after each Service in the narthex or from the Church Office. Or get tickets at the door.

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.

Condolences

Rita Swan, a longtime member of St. Andrew's and a Lay Worship Leader from St. Andrew's, passed away on Thursday, September 18. A service of Celebration for her life and ministry will be held on Thursday, October 2, at 6:00pm at the church. Remember John, daughters Kristin, Jamie and Lauren and their families in your prayers.

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.

Ed Lozowy, a longtime member of this church, passed away on Tuesday, September 23. A service of Celebration of his life will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, October 4, at 2:00 pm. Remember Zella and sons Richard and Kevin and family in your prayers.

Dr. Ron Maier, who was part of one of the Guatemala groups in 2013, passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. Remember Colleen and his sons Jack, Nick and Scott in your prayers.

Coming Up...

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



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