

THANKFUL

Sunday, October 12, 2025



Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks. It is a grateful acknowledgement of benefits or favours, especially to God. Thanksgiving is a time to acknowledge God's kindness and goodness to us. It is a day set apart for giving thanks.

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.

Bible Study is on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the lounge. We will be studying together, Luke 18:1-8. All are welcome to attend.

The kidney transplant surgery is on hold until further notice. The Worship Group will keep us informed when the surgery can go ahead.

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, October 19th – Rev. Jeff Cook

Rev. Karen Lumley will not be on Study Leave from October 12th to 19th, rescheduled for Sunday, October 19 and the week of October 27th. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard by phone or text at 431-294-3149, call Westworth at the church office 204-489-6974; or email at Westworth minister@westworth.ca

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.

Thanksgiving Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *Now thank we all our God*
(Nun danket alle Gott) settings by Robert Hobby

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: *(Adapted from
Gathering Worship Resource)*

We acknowledge that this land on which St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers is Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples in the heart of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge the Inuit and all peoples of this great land of Turtle Island and their ancestors. Today, this meeting place is still the home of many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:
...we give you thanks!

HYMN: **VU519** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV41** *O Beautiful Gaia*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering, Resources for Worship Planners, written by John Moses, Aylesford, N.S., adapted.*

There are moments, O God, when we are very aware of how blessed and privileged we are to live in this place at this time. For the most part, our lives are incomparably easier than the lives of those who have gone before us. Overall, we live with a degree of affluence and security beyond the reach of many in this country and on this planet. There are times when we notice what we do not have and we complain. Sometimes, we become resentful, fearful and do not trust you to provide. O God, forgive us. Open our minds and our hearts to understand who we really are and how we came to be here. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (F.S. Pierpoint, text; Philip Stopford, music)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled,
For each perfect gift of thine, for our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 17:11-19 read by Rhonda Kennedy
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Sarah Schellenberg - *This is God's Wondrous World* (M.D. Babcock, text; trad. English melody, arr. Richard Walters)
This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world, God shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass or mountain pass, God speaks to me everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world, oh let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world, why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

SERMON

HYMN: **VU299** *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
For all of life. **We give you thanks.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *We praise you, O God* (Kremser) arr. Wilbur Held

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
There's Enough for All (Words and music: Bryan Moyer Suderman)

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

♪ **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: *Piece d'Orgue in G major* J.S. Bach

Announcements

The outreach group will be collecting socks for 1JustCity, Just a Warm Sleep/ JAWS. Bring a pair of new socks and leave them in the box. Our donation of socks □ last year was really appreciated and still one of the most needed items for their guests

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.

Book Study begins October 19th, following the service. We meet weekly for a lively discussion and fellowship. We will be reading "The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Barr; copies will be ordered on October 13th. If you would like a copy ordered for you, please let Loralie know via email at loraliefriesen@gmail.com to be added to the list. We hope to see you there!

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 Sarah Schellenberg, and our scripture reader, Rhonda Kennedy.

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Announcements

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 Girl Guide Conference in Quebec 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.

Aaron Hutton Sings the Crooner Collection (Only one week left to get your tickets!)

If you enjoy those sentimental favorites 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 some 3 years and is well recognized throughout the Winnipeg arts and musical community.

The concert 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, through [Eventbrite](#), from the Church Office. Or get tickets at the door.

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Harvest Supper is back! Join us on Sunday, November 2nd with seatings at 4:30pm & 6pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for youth (ages 6-12) & children under 5 eat free! Tickets are available through the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm, Sundays after church service in the narthex, or through [Eventbrite](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

We need your help to make the supper successful. Please sign up to help with anything that you are able to, sign-up sheets are at the back of the church, or you are welcome to email Iris McKay (imckay@mymts.net) or the church office. We thank you so much for your support.

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

Ardelia Burrow passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 7th. Remember her family, Jennifer (daughter) and Rod (son-in-law), and grandchildren Jordan and Breanna, Warren, and sons Collin and Derek, and families in your prayers. A service of celebration for her life is to be held at St. Andrew's on Friday, October 17th at 2pm with a reception to follow.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 4pm

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

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.

Ardelia Burrow funeral (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Rental—Winnipeg Boys Choir (sanctuary) @ 10am

Aaron Hutton Concert (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 10am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

ABC (lounge) @ 1pm

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 10:30am

