



Sunday, October 19, 2025



Thanksgiving Sunday has come and gone; however, let us continue to live in gratitude for all God has given us. Grateful for family, friends, church and a faith community that is there with us, supporting us in our living.

May we continue to count our many blessings and name them one by one.

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 18:9-14.

Rev. Karen Lumley's Study Leave is the weekend of October 18th & 19th and the week of October 27th – October 31st. 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

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.

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.

Wrestling with God

GATHERING MUSIC: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arrangements by Douglas Franks and David Tryggstad

Ann Marie Bakkelund, organ

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU220** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God most holy.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER:

God, inspire us to perceive You each day in the wonder, the mystery, the silences and the moments of grace. Give us hearts of compassion to be people of reconciliation and forgiveness. As companions of Jesus, give us courage to love with the love embodied in Jesus. We pray as disciples of the resurrected Christ. AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME/STORY FOR ALL

HYMN: **VU234** *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we speak of Your love, Your amazing grace, Your wonder. We speak of Jesus as saviour and redeemer. We can recite creeds and prayers from memory. All of these are voiced expressions of our faith, but there is more to being faithful. God, when we fail to express our faith in acts of neighbourly compassion, when we fail to offer friendship and help to those who hurt or oppressed, when we fail to express Your love through our living, then remind us God...remind us again and again and again...that we are disciples of both word and action, and let us be agents of Your love. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *O Love* (George Matheson, text; Elaine Hagenberg, music)

O Love, that will not let me go.

O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thy ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,

O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain

That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go,

O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

And in thy ocean depths its flow

Shall richer, fuller be;

That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Colleen Waters

Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Gospel reading: Luke 18:1-8

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

SOLO: Fred Cross - *If with All Your Hearts*, Words: by Julius Schubring (based on Deuteronomy 4:29, Jeremiah 29:13, and Job 23:3); English version by William Bartholomew, Music: (No. 4 from Mendelssohn's "Elijah") | Félix Mendelssohn

If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,

Ye shall ever surely find Me,

Thus saith our God.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,

Ye shall ever surely find Me,

Thus saith our God. Thus saith our God.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,

That I might even come before His presence.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,

That I might even come before His presence,
come before His presence.

Oh, that I knew where I might find Him.

If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,

Ye shall ever surely find Me,

Thus saith our God.

Ye shall ever surely find Me,

Thus saith our God.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU292** *Creating God, We Give You Thanks*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Creating God, we give you thanks* (Wareham) arr. Healey Willan

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: *Minuet in Classical Style* C. Armstrong Gibbs

Music Note

George Matheson, a Scottish minister, wrote the text for this morning's anthem in 1882. Matheson, who became legally blind at age 20, was a prolific preacher, writer, and theologian, even preaching for Queen Victoria at Balmoral Castle. Matheson wrote "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" on the eve of his sister's wedding, and he later recalled, "I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes, and equally sure that it never received at my hands any retouching or correction...this came like a dayspring from on high."

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

At the upcoming ABC meeting on Tuesday, October 21st, at 1pm in the lounge, Kathy Knowles will make a presentation. She was recently on a hiking trip in Kosovo, Albania, and Montenegro. It will be a very interesting meeting. All are welcome to attend, including men.

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 Fred Cross, and our scripture reader, Colleen Watters. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook. Thank you to our guest organist, Ann Marie Bakkelund

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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.

Sunday, November 2nd, is All Saints Day, and we will be remembering those who have passed from St. Andrews this past year. We will remember Samm Brown, Doreen Adamson, Marjorie Eckert, Bernard Boland, Rita Swan, Ed Lozowy, and Ardelia Burrow. If anyone had a special friendship with any of these saints who have gone before us and would be willing to share memories of their life with us, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley.

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.

Sunday Recital Series: Save the Date! The section leaders of the St. Andrews River Heights Choir invite you to attend a series of Sunday Recitals. Come and enjoy a varied selection of musical works featuring our section leaders (and friends)! Recitals will take place in the sanctuary at 12PM on the following dates: November 16th, January 18th, February 22nd, and April 19th. More information to follow. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there!

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...

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

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 4pm

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 6pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

RHS AGM (auditorium) @ 6pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 4pm

