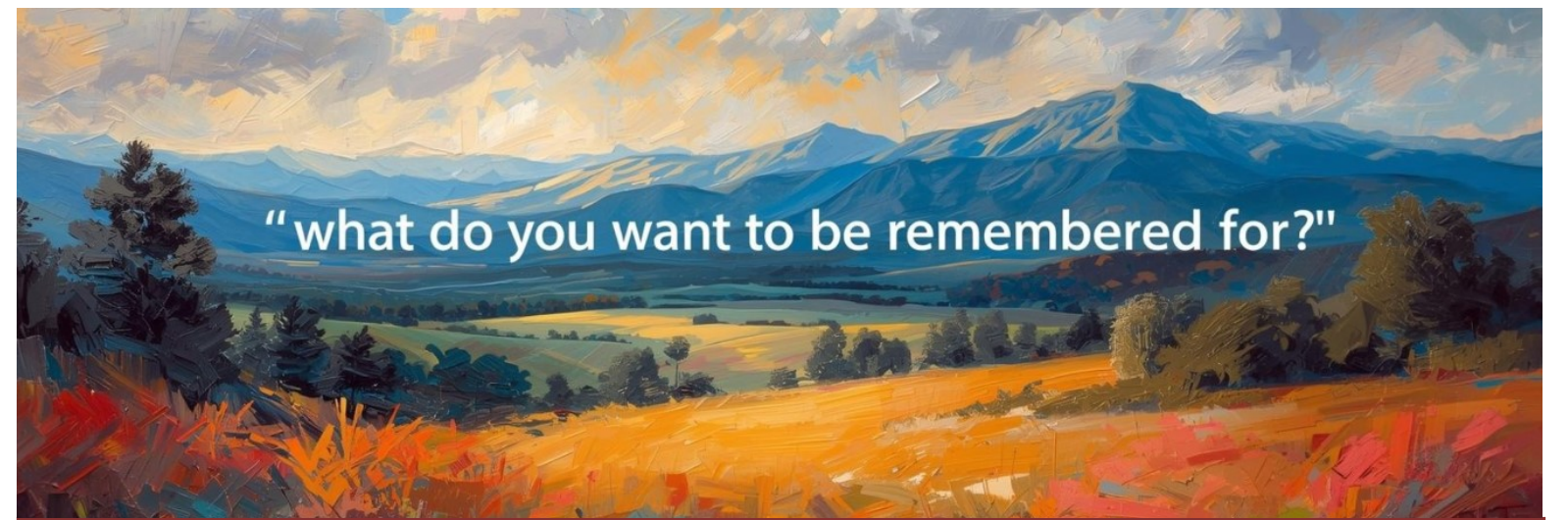




“what do you want to be remembered for?”

Sunday, October 26, 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.

Stained-glass Windows

Some of you may have noticed that the three large stained-glass windows at the front of the sanctuary are often dark. This is because the floodlights that were used to light the windows from outside have succumbed to the elements after many years.

The cost to replace the floodlights runs to \$4500. This expense is outside the church budget for this year. I hope that some of us can make an additional contribution to St. Andrew's for these floodlights. If we raise the funds quickly, we may be able to have the windows lit up in time for Christmas Eve.

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.

What Do You Want to Be Remembered For?

GATHERING MUSIC: *Variations on 'Joyful, joyful we adore you'* (Hymn to Joy) Charles Callahan

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

An update from Council - Leigh Carlson

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU232** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Prayers to Share*, Year C, Proper 25, David Sparks

Creator of calm,

Even with our uneasiness and fear, we approach you.

Promiser of forgiveness,

Even though we are aware of our shortcomings, we approach you.

Giver of hope,

Even though we lack confidence for the journey, we approach you.

Source of compassion,

Even though we lack your healing spirit, we approach you.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU271** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Prayers to Share*, Year C, Proper 25, David Sparks

Loving God, when we see ourselves as a cut above others,

Bring us down to earth.

Loving God, when we insist on our own way,

Enable us to understand what that means, to those close to us.

Loving God, when we are full of our own self-importance,

Help us to focus on others, not ourselves.

Loving God, when we trumpet our own greatness,

Show us the path that leads to humility.

(Pause to reflect)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* (Psalm 84, text; Johannes Brahms, music)

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair,

O Lord of Hosts.

My soul longeth and fainteth

For the blest courts of the Lord.

My heart and flesh do cry to God,

Cry to the living God.

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair,

O Lord of Hosts.

Blest are they that in Thy house are dwelling,

They ever praise Thee, O God, forever more.

How lovely are Thy dwellings fair.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9-14 read by Diane Wreford
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Loralie Friesen - *Bist du bei mir* - Gottfried Heinrich Stölzel, arr. J. S. Bach (BWV 508)
Bist du bei mir, geh' ich mit Freuden zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh'!
Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende, es drückten deine lieben Hände mir getreuten Augen zu!

*Abide with me, then I will fear not
The journey to that far-off land
Where sorrows cease and all is peace.
What sweet content to have Thee near me
Where I may clasp Thine hand so gentle
And gaze into Thy faithful eyes.*

SERMON

HYMN: **VU674** *Fight the Good Fight* Tune VU330

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Translation*
**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
May your name be made holy,
May your dominion come,
May your will be done,
On Earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;
And forgive us our debts,
As we have forgiven our debtors;
And do not put us to the test,
But rescue us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power,
And the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Andante in E flat major*
Johann Ludwig Krebs

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: *Final Variation (Gigue) on 'Joyful, joyful we adore you'* Charles Callahan

Music Note

"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" is the fourth movement from Johannes Brahms' "Ein deutsches Requiem," "A German Requiem," which he wrote between 1865 and 1868 following his mother's death in 1865. The Requiem is a sacred work, although it isn't liturgical because it doesn't follow the standard Catholic Requiem Mass format (neither is it in Latin, with Brahms choosing texts in German from the Luther Bible). The choir had a lot of fun singing this long-time favourite, and we hope you enjoy it!

Announcements

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.

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 Loralie Friesen, and our scripture reader, Diane Wreford.

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Calling all cooks! The Harvest Supper on November 2nd needs contributions of mashed potatoes and stuffing. A 10-pound bag of potatoes or a large pan of stuffing (recipe available at the church or from imckay@mymts.net) will complete our dinner menu. We also need a few more volunteers to help with either the 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. seating. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church on Sunday or call Iris at 204-885-2156.

Bible Study is cancelled this week as Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave.

Rev. Karen Lumley's Study Leave is 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

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.

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Harvest Supper is next week! 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.

This is the last week to take a Moment and write an appreciation note to someone in the congregation or staff. Leave them at the back of the church and we will deliver them. If you would like to take a moment to share a **memory of Ardelia Burrow** for the family and leave it at the back of the church and we will deliver them for you.

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!

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Book Club will be reading *Frying Plantain* by Zolika Reid-Benta. The book is a collection of short stories chronicling the experience of a Jamaican-Canadian girl as she finds her identity between two cultures. The group will discuss the book at their next meeting, **Wednesday, November 19, at 1:30pm**, in the church lounge. If you would like to join the group, extra copies of the book are available from Ruth McKenzie.

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.

The Outreach Speaker Series is back!

Sunday, November 23rd, at 9am in the lounge.

Positive Spaces

With Deanne Bennet, who attends St Andrew's. This is an opportunity to learn ways to live out our affirming ministry with intention and action.

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.

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. **50 pairs of socks** have been collected so far, can we raise that to 75? Thank you so much for your support!

