

# Baptism

Sunday, November 23, 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 Special fundraising appeal

We are filled with gratitude for your generosity in our Special Appeal for the Stained Glass Window. Although we have not yet reached the goal of \$4500, we are SO close that the parts to do the repair have been ordered, and as soon as they arrive, the installation will occur. We are still hoping that this will be in time for Christmas.

If you have not yet donated to this project, but would like to, we will gratefully accept your donation to get us across the finish line.

Our sincerest thanks to you all!!

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.

## Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC: *Jesus Shall Reign* (John Hatton; arr. Cynthia Dobrinski)

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH  
A Minute for Stewardship & Council - Bill Craddock

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

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

Christ reigns! **Christ reigns to open our hearts to thanksgiving.**

Christ reigns! **Christ reigns to bring us together in fellowship.**

Christ reigns! **Christ reigns to deepen our prayers and enliven our praise.**

Christ reigns! **Christ reigns to put our faith into practice.**

**Reign over our hearts, minds, and actions, Christ Jesus.**

HYMN: **VU330** *Jesus Shall Reign*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see booklet)  
Maisie May MacAngus, child of Meghan & Callum MacAngus

Hebrew Benediction **VU965**

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
the Lord make his face shine up on thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV157** *I am a Child of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2013-2014, adapted.*

**Eternal God, you have been with us in our journey through another cycle of the church year. In these past weeks and months, we reviewed our heritage in the Hebrew Scriptures and have learned more of the ministry of Jesus and of the birth and growth of the church. Help us to continue to build on these lessons as we move into a new year and to take those opportunities that arise to grow in our faith and understanding of who we are as people of faith. May we be courageous as we live as active participants in the reign of Christ, being agents of Christ's Kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Christ Goes Before* (Jaroslav J. Vajda, text; Carl Schalke, music)

Christ goes before, and we are called to follow,  
And all who follow in the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Where is that Way we near despaired of finding:  
The way that comes from God and leads to God,  
The realm where God is love and love is King,  
A whole new order for a world astray?

Who wants to live where there's no love like this?  
Is this the Kingdom we are ready for and desperate to find?

Christ goes before...

Where is that Truth we near despaired of knowing:  
The truth that comes from God and leads to God,  
The power to set us free, the power to change,  
That faces Pilate and the cross and wins?  
Who wants to live where there's no peace like this?  
Is this the Power we are ready for and desperate to know?

Christ goes before...

Where is that Life we near despaired of having:  
The life that comes from God and leads to God,  
The hope of glory only Christ can give,  
That shatters death and grief with Easter joy?  
Who wants to live where there's no joy like this?  
Is this the Glory we are ready for and desperate to have?

Christ goes before...

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:9-20 read by Evan Demeduk

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

HANDBELL CHOIR: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (Kathleen Thomerson; arr. Cathy Moglebust)

SERMON

HYMN: **VU216** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lord, hear our prayer, **and in your love answer.**

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: *Jesus shall reign* (Duke Street) Richard Knight

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: *All Night, All Day*

(trad. Spiritual; arr. Susan Geschke)

**Music Note**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" is a hymn by American composer Kathleen Thomerson. It's usually an Epiphany hymn, but it works well for today's baptism and Reign of Christ. Here are the first verse and refrain: I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**Announcements**

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Maisie May MacAngus, child of Meghan & Callum MacAngus, is being baptized.

**Bible Study** is on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am-10:30am in the lounge. We will be studying together, Isaiah 2:1-5. All are welcome to attend

**Travelers From Afar** is the Christmas Play for the children and youth for 2025. The children will be practicing in Sunday School and pre-recording on Sunday, December 14th, after the Church service. Any children or youth interested in participating, please talk with Jan Demeduk, the Sunday School Superintendent.

**The ABC Group** is having a Christmas Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday, November 25th at 12pm in the lounge.

**Wreaths are for sale!** Pre-order yours today! All proceeds go to the 1JustCity program at Augustine Centre. Order forms are at the back of the church or you can also contact the church office if you would like to pre-order. Wreaths are \$35; cash, cheque and e-Transfer are accepted. The wreaths make a great gift for neighbours, friends and family. The wreaths are expected to arrive late November or early December. Please consider supporting this outreach fundraiser.

**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, handbell choir and our scripture reader, Evan Demeduk. Thank you to Ann Marie Bakkeland for playing the organ and Rachel Tarrant, our flautist.

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### Cookie Walk December 6th & 7th, 2025

Boxes will be prepackaged and each box will contain 3 dozen homemade cookies consisting of shortbread and an assortment of cookies.

The price per box is \$20.00.

To order cookies, please complete the order form available at the back of the church or contact Charlotte in the church office.

Cookies will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 to 11:00am or Sunday, December 7th after the service.

**Order early as quantities are limited. All orders must be prepaid before pickup.**

**Note to all Council and Interest group members:** We require your support to make this a successful event. Please sign up to make 10 dozen cookies.

**To the congregation:** We need your continued support to help to make this event a success. All donations are welcome.

**Please deliver the cookies to the church upstairs kitchen on Thursday, December 4th.** Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

### Memory Tree December 14th, 2025

Be part of the Memory Tree Tradition at St. Andrew's this Advent season.

The Memory Tree Service will be a part of the Sunday morning service on December 14th. The lights will be lit after the morning service. A reception will be held after church upstairs. Come and join us for this special Memory Tree Service and Reception.

This is a marvellous way for the community to dedicate lights in memory of deceased family members and friends.

Memory Tree lights can be purchased by contacting Charlotte in the church office, or by completing the order form available at the back of the church.

Each light is \$10.00 and represents the person that you wish to remember. You will also receive a beautiful keepsake card for each light you purchase.

Their name will be permanently displayed in the Memory Book in the Narthex. The order forms must be received by December 7th to ensure the name/s are included in the Memory Book.

All proceeds go to Jocelyn House Hospice.

Tax receipts will also be mailed out. We look forward to seeing everyone.

**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.

### 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.

### Coming Up...

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Outreach Speaker Series (lounge) @ 9am**

*Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 12:45pm*

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm*

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**ABC Christmas Potluck (lounge) @ 12pm**

**Foundation AGM (board room) @ 7:30pm**

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

*Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am*

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

*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm*

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

