

GOD'S PROMISE OF FREEDOM

Sunday, February 15, 2026



Transfiguration Sunday

The final Sunday following Epiphany, and before Lent, is Transfiguration Sunday. Today is Transfiguration Sunday. All three of the synoptic gospels tell a story of Peter, James, and John accompanying Jesus to the top of a holy mountain. There, before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured or transformed into a dazzling brightness.

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 Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week, we will be studying Matthew 4:1-11. All are welcome!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 17th

Time: 5pm to 6:30pm

Price \$5.00 per person

children 3 years and under are free

St. Andrew's AGM is on Sunday, March 1st at 11:30am. The annual reports are at the back of the church and can also be printed on request.

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.

God's Promise of Freedom

GATHERING MUSIC: *Fuga and Andante* (from Organ Sonata #6) Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026*,

Come worship the Lord.

Praise the Lord on high.

Worship the Lord from the mountaintop.

Worship our Lord and King.

Let the earth quake and the people tremble.

Let the nations revere the Lord of life.

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN: **VU103** *How Good, Lord, To Be Here*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU421** *Lead on O Cloud of Presence*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering, Resources for Worship Planners, Advent, Epiphany 2025-2026, written by David Sparks, Rosslund, B.C., adapted.*

Loving God, you enable us to make changes that matter. With your love,

you help us to transform sadness into peace, our defeat into hope.

With your love, **you help us to transform our apathy into commitment,**

our selfishness into thanksgiving.

With your love, **you help us to transform our indifference into praise, our shyness into laughter.**

Transforming God, **we are restored by your presence to be the faithful ones we are called to be.**

In gratitude, we open our hearts now to you, sharing honestly what needs transformation in our lives. *(a time of silence)*

Loving God, you enable us to make changes that matter.

With your love, you transform our lives. Thank you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *O Nata Lux* (Thomas Tallis, music)

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precres que sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi,
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

*[O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
With loving-kindness deign to receive
Suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
For the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members
Of thy blessed body.]*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Marlon Goolcharan
Responsive Psalm: **VU838** Psalm 119 (Part One)

QUARTET: *Lead Kindly Light* (John H. Newman, text; John B. Dykes, music)

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on;
Keep Thou my feet, I do no ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on;
I loved the garish day; and, spite of fears
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, til
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost a while.

Gospel reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU567** *Will You Come and Follow Me* vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

In our transformation, transform us, O God, and
help us in our choices, change and transformation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Reflection on 'How good, Lord, to be here!' (Carlisle)* Paul Bryan

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: **VU93** *When Heaven's Bright with Mystery* vs. 4

♪ **When heaven's bright with mystery
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of power can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU82** *A Light is Gleaming* refrain

♪ **A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Toccata Giocosa* Ian Hunt

Music Note

Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585) was an English Renaissance composer, organist, and musician at the Chapel Royal. *O Nata Lux* was published in 1575, and is an example of his later style. In the final line ("tui beati corporis"), listen for some 'cross-relations' where the notes are intentionally dissonant to each other. This is an excellent example of how early composers used musical notes to illustrate/foreshadow the suffering of Christ, especially as we enter into Lent and move towards the Passion.

Announcements

Thank you to the congregation for the many 70th birthday wishes and for the cake after church. It was very thoughtful of you. *Rev. Karen Lumley*

Remember Greg Fearn in your prayers he had a fall and broke his hip and had surgery. Remember him in your prayers as he recuperates.

We need 8 volunteers (4 for set-up and 4 for take-down) to assist with setting up and taking down for the AGM on Sunday, March 1st. Please sign up at the back of the Church if you are interested. Thank you so much.

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, quartet: Melwin Agravante, Fred Cross, Jordi Haskerkehrer, and Ian Olson and our scripture reader, Marlon Goolcharan.

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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, FEBRUARY 15

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Rental—Meghan (lounge) @ 11am
Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (auditorium) @ 5pm
Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Piano tuning (sanctuary) @ 11am
Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Women's Music Club (sanctuary) @ 11am

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Women's Music Club (sanctuary) @ 8am

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

AGM @ 11:30am
Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

David book club (lounge) @ 10am
Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Sunday Recital Series @ 12pm
Rental—Winnipeg Sonora Voices (sanctuary) @ 1pm

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.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

ABC (lounge) @ 1pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am
Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

PIE Day

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

