

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, April 5, 2026



We are an Easter people. People who celebrate the Risen Christ! The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until May 24th, which is Pentecost Sunday. The cross remains in the sanctuary with the white cloth on it until Pentecost. Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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.

A special thanks to the Sunday children and youth who made crosses during the Season of Lent. They are available at the back of the church for anyone who would like to have one. They are a special gift for you!

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week, we will be studying John 20:19-31. All are welcome!

On Thursday, April 9th at 11:00 Rev. Patricia Baker is facilitating the service at the Boulton. Patricia currently is not ministering at any pastoral charge. She is in formal association with us at St. Andrew's Community of Faith. If anyone would be willing to play the piano, help with the singing and be present for the service, please let Rev. Karen Lumley or the office know.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter 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.

Easter Sunday Lessons and Carols

Please join in singing the Hymns, found in the red Voices United hymn book, standing as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC: *Baroque Alleluia* (from Cantata BWV 207a) J.S. Bach, arr S. Drummond Wolff
Dean Pollard & Melwin Agravante, trumpet

WELCOME

INTROIT: *Hymn for Easter Day* (John Ness Beck)
Dean Pollard & Melwin Agravante, Trumpet
Why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?
He is not here, for he is risen!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

HYMN 1: VU155 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

BIDDING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CAROL 1: *Sing an Easter Alleluia* (Mary McDonald, words and music)
Dean Pollard, Trumpet
Night had turned to day;
the stone was rolled away.
Yet Christ was there; the tomb was bare;
His body was taken away!

Mary knelt and cried, when a stranger by her side
Said, "Mary, don't weep,
I no longer sleep.
My spirit will arise!"

Sing an Easter alleluia!
The stone's been rolled away!
Christ Jesus who died, was crucified,
Has risen this glorious day!
Alleluia! Sing an Easter alleluia!
Christ has overcome! The victory has been won!
The grave has lost its deathly sting in Christ,
the risen one.
Lift your voice and sing alleluia to the King!
All glory and praise to Jesus we raise;
Forever his praise we sing!

Sing an Easter alleluia!
The stone's been rolled away!
Christ Jesus who died, was crucified,
has risen this glorious day!
Alleluia! Sing an Easter alleluia!

LESSON 1: John 20:1-18
The Resurrection of Jesus, Jesus Appears to Mary
Magdalene
Reader: Katy Hedalen

HYMN 2: VU169 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

CHILDREN'S TIME

LESSON 2: John 20:19-29
Jesus Appears to the Disciples & Jesus and Thomas
Reader: Dave Collins

CAROL 2: *Alleluia* (Randall Thompson, music)

LESSON 3: Luke 24:13-16, 28-35
Jesus Appears to Two Disciples
Reader: Gord Shawcross

HYMN 3: VU158 *Christ Is Alive*

LESSON 4: John 21:1-14
Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples
Reader: Heather Ragot

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
The tomb is empty! Hope is alive! **Jesus is risen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL 3: *Alleluia* (Andrea Gabrieli, music)
Dean Pollard & Melwin Agravante, Trumpet

LESSON 5: Matthew 28:16-20
Commissioning of the Disciples
Reader: Khal Shariff

OFFERTORY: *Triumphal March* G.F. Handel

HYMN 4: VU179 *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

OFFERING PRAYER

LESSON 6: 1 Peter 1:3-9
A Living Hope
Reader: Linda Paul

BLESSING

CAROL 4: Hallelujah Chorus (from *The Messiah*, G.F. Handel)

Dean Pollard, Trumpet

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become

The kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ;

And he shall reign forever and ever.

King of Kings (forever and ever),

And Lord of Lords (forever and ever).

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE: *My Spirit be Joyful* (from Cantata #146) J.S. Bach, arr. Douglas Smith

Dean Pollard & Melwin Agravante, trumpet

Music Note

Hallelujah! Alleluia! All of today's anthems, and most of the hymns, include this word of praise and joy, but what does it actually mean? The word comes to us from Hebrew, where it can be translated as the phrase "Praise Yah" -- "halle!" (meaning to praise in song) and "Yah" (a short form of Yahweh, the name of God). The original meaning is actually an imperative, a call to action to praise God.

Hallelujah appears in a number of Psalms, known as the Hallel Psalms in the Jewish tradition. There are also Hallel Prayers, which are prayers of praise and thanksgiving that quote the Hallel Psalms. Hallel is most commonly prayed on Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot, and Hannukah in the Jewish year.

In the Christian tradition, Hallelujah, or the Latin derivative Alleluia, is used as an exclamation of praise and joy, rather than an instruction to do the praising. In many Protestant churches, there are no Alleluias said/sung through the season of Lent, making its return at Easter even more joyful. In many Christian traditions, Alleluias are sung/said as responses or introductions to Psalms and Gospel readings.

In putting together the music for this morning's service, I wanted to highlight this word that we so often just exclaim offhandedly. This morning we hear Alleluia and Hallelujah in many different contexts, from the Renaissance (Gabrieli), through the Baroque period (Handel), and into the 20th century (Randall Thompson), and 21st century (Mary McDonald). I hope you all have a joyful Eastertide! Hallelujah! Alleluia!

Announcements

On Sunday, April 12th & 19th, Rev. Jeff Cook will be our guest preacher. Rev. Karen Lumley will be teaching Confirmation classes with the youth these Sundays. Youth are to join Karen in the lounge before church starts.

Rev. Jeff Cook retired in 2023 after 39 years in ministry. Jeff served four years in Saskatchewan Conference, then served 35 years in team ministry with Rev. Carol Fletcher at Transcona Memorial United Church. Jeff and the Rev. Walter Farquharson co-authored the book "An Audacious Invitation: A Reflection on the Gospel According to John." Jeff was a nominee for Moderator in 2012. He enjoys writing, sketching, and reading, and has been learning to play the Bodhran (the Irish flat drum).

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 and our readers. Thank you to Dean Pollard & Melwin Agravante, our trumpeters. Thank you to those who decorated the sanctuary for Easter!

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Four strong winds are pulling you to mark your calendars and get your tickets for the **2026 Choir Show: The Great Canadian Songbook!** The choir, soloists, and handbells invite you to come and hear your favourite Canadian Folksongs, new and old, on **Saturday, May 9, at 1:30 and 7:30. Tickets are on sale now** on Sundays after service, or through the office during the week. \$25/adults, \$15/kids (12&under), which includes snacks, and cash bar will be available. We hope to see you there!

St. Andrew's is at the Wellington, Tuesday, April 14th, for the service for residents there. Come and join us; help is needed with singing and playing the piano. If you can help out, contact Rev. Karen Lumley or the church office.

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Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



In a generous act of hospitality,
God invites us into ministry.
How shall we then respond?

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, April 12th - Rev. Jeff Cook
- Sunday, April 19th - Rev. Jeff Cook
- Sunday, April 26th - Visioning - Service downstairs with Soup & Bun
- Sunday, May 3th - Indoor/ Outdoor Picnic (downstairs)

Coming Up...

MONDAY, APRIL 6

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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

