

Welcome

Sunday, April 19, 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.

Youth who are in the Confirmation class are to go to the Lounge for their classes today before church begins.

Sunday Recital Series:

The St. Andrews River Heights Choir invites you to join us for a recital today at 12pm in the sanctuary. Come and hear Rachel Tarrant and Sarah Schellenberg present an afternoon filled with music! Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted. Tax receipts will be available, and all proceeds benefit the music program at St. Andrews.

If anyone is interested in transferring their membership from another church to St. Andrew's, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley or the church office.

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.

April 19th 2026 Order of service

GATHERING MUSIC: *Trio on 'Abide, O Dearest Jesus'* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU177** *This Joyful Eastertide*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

We are not alone.

We live in God's world.

We journey through life in the love and grace of God.

We journey through life in the presence of the resurrected Christ.

Let us worship as people of faith.

Let us worship as an Easter people of hope and new life.

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER:

God, awaken us again to the wonder and surprise of Easter. Touch our lives with the reality of resurrection and with the hope of new creation. May our hearts, our imaginations and our faith be stirred and inspired as we worship as disciples of Jesus and companions of the resurrected Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME/STORY FOR ALL

HYMN: **VU184** *As We Walked*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we confess that we are too often unaware of living in Your grace. We avoid acknowledging the pain and suffering of so many in the world. We are too busy, too anxious, too rational to discern Your gift of new creation, to perceive the wonder of this world, to be aware of the resurrected Christ in our midst. God, nourish our faith and open our hearts to know we live in an Easter world.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Rise up, my Love, my Fair One* (Song of Solomon, text; Healey Willan, music)

Rise up, my Love, my fair one, and come away;

For lo, the winter is past,

The rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear upon the earth;

The time of the singing of birds is come;

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35 read by Laura Cole

May God speak to us through this reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God

SOLO: Katy Harmer - *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (traditional, arr. Richard Walters)

I am weak but Thou art strong,

Jesus, keep me from all wrong.

I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it Jesus is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU248** *When Long before Time*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *A Simple Air* Eric Thiman

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:
VU581 *When We Are Living*
vs. 2

♪ **Through all our living, we our fruits must give.**

**Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving
we belong to God, we belong to God.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU582** *There's a Spirit in the Air*
vs.7

♪ **There's a Spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare* (from

'Water Music') G. F. Handel

Music Note

Today's anthem is a well-loved motet by British-Canadian composer Healey Willan. Willan was born in England in 1880 and came to Canada in 1913. He was the organist-choirmaster at St. Paul's Bloor Street, Toronto (Anglican) from 1914-1921. In 1921, he moved to The Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto, and remained as 'precentor' (the person in charge of preparing worship and music) there until his death in 1968. During his tenure, the church became known for its high-level of music, and Willan composed many pieces for the choirs and organ. His catalogue includes over 800 compositions for choir, organ, and orchestra, including a piece commissioned in 1953 for Queen Elizabeth's coronation. Willan was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1967, and was also among the first Canadian musicians to appear on a postage stamp!

Announcements

Remember Patricia Baker and her family in prayer. Her father passed away in Edmonton this past Monday morning.

Holly McHaffie, a former member of St. Andrew's, sends greetings to St. Andrew's from Ottawa.

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge. This week, we will be studying John 10:1-10. All are welcome!

On Sunday, April 26th, during church service in the auditorium, there will be an opportunity to engage in a conversation about "The Deep, Bold, Daring Toward 2035" document and visioning for St. Andrew's. If you have not read the document and need one, please pick one up at the back of the church or by Karen's office. After service, **please join the Fellowship Interest Group** for a Soup and Bun lunch. Lunch will consist of homemade soups, fresh rolls, and dessert. Donations for a new boiler will be gratefully accepted and will be donated to that cause. What better time to get together with friends and raise funds for this important cause? We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

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, Katy Harmer and our reader, Laura Cole.
Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook.

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St. Andrew's Choir presents
THE GREAT CANADIAN SONGBOOK
A CONCERT

Saturday, May 9
255 oak street

1:30 and 7:30

\$25

\$15 kids (12&under)
includes snacks,
cash bar available

call 204-488-1130 for tickets

featuring favourite Canadian folk songs
performed by the choir, soloists, and handbells

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!

We need 8 volunteers (4 for set-up and 4 for take-down) to assist with setting up and taking down for the service on Sunday, April 26th. Please sign up at the back of the Church if you are interested. Thank you so much.

Girl Guide Cookies are being sold by Jocelyn Carlson, who is off to a culture exchange in Quebec this year. Cookies sold help to support this and the regular operating costs. Elise Bennett and Meaghan Cole are also selling cookies for their programs. Cookies are also available from Rev. Karen Lumley's office.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, April 26th - Visioning - Service downstairs with Soup & Bun
- Sunday, May 3th - Indoor/Outdoor Picnic (downstairs)

Community News

- **The Retired Teachers Association Choir** presents Sing We of Blue Skies: A Prairie Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 21 at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, 255 Oak St. Show time is 7 pm. Admission is by a silver collection. Please donate what you can. The proceeds from the concert will be donated to CancerCare MB.

The choir will sing a variety of music, including folk, Broadway, light jazz, and popular choral pieces from the 40s to the 80s. Special Guest jazz singer Nadia Douglas, a cancer survivor, will sing her best popular jazz standards.

Please join us for an entertaining hour of singing!

- **On Sunday, May 3rd at 3 pm, Marlon Goolcharan presents:**

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 Road Not Taken. Join him and guest artist Susanne Reimer for an afternoon of delightful music! Admission: suggested \$10. Pay what you can.

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Sunday Recital Series sanctuary) @ 12pm

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 1pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Rental—RTAMC (sanctuary) @ 6pm

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

