

# Visioning

Sunday, April 26, 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.

**The final Bible study for the season** is on Wednesday at 9:30am in the lounge. We will be studying Genesis 1. All are welcome!

**Rev. Karen Lumley** will be on Study Leave from May 4th to May 14th.

**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.

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.

## Visioning

GATHERING MUSIC: *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Phillip Keveren

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

REPORT FROM COUNCIL—Rob Siddall

CENTERING WORDS:

Listen, our shepherd is calling us by name.

HYMN: **MV191** *What Can I Do?*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026, pg. 94*

Do you need a guide? **The Lord is our shepherd.**

Do you need a path to new life? **The Lord is our gate.**

Do you need rest? **The Lord restores our souls.**

Come, let us worship.

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV154** *Deep in Our Hearts*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Prayers to Share: Year A, page 101, written by David Sparks*

Read: Acts 2:42-47 In the silence,  
we can reflect and confess our shortcomings.

Listen to this story of the early church;  
as a Christian community are we faithful?

Do we study God's Word,  
participate in the fellowship,  
find assurance in prayer? *Silence*

Listen to this story of the early church; are we faithful?

Do we use our talents in God's service,  
do we share generously? *Silence*

Listen to this story of the early church; are we faithful?

Do we praise and thank God joyfully,  
do we pass on the good News enthusiastically? *Silence*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *Prayers to Share: Year A, page 101, written by David Sparks*

**We believe we have much to learn,  
much to be thankful for,  
and much to strive for,  
as a fellowship of God's people.**

In your resolve to be faithful,  
in your acceptance of new truth, in your  
determination to progress in new ways,  
God's peace is your peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:1-10 read by Leigh Carlson

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

## PASSING THE PEACE

### TOWARD 2035, DEEP. BOLD. DARING:

#### Discussion Questions:

1. How do you re-imagine the UC in 2035? Any ideas?
2. What opportunities do you think about for St. Andrew's?
3. Where do you see hope here? Where do you see God at work here?
4. What are your concerns?

#### A NEW CREED:

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

#### **We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

#### **We trust in God.**

#### **We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **MV126** *Are You a Shepherd*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Christ who leads us,  
**is our inspiration for change.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Melody Moritz*  
Moszkowski

## 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: *We are Travelers on a Journey*  
(Beach Spring) arr. Mark Hayes

## Music Note

Wes' gathering music this morning is based on the familiar hymn, "Be Thou, My Vision." A few weeks ago, Iris McKay loaned me a copy of a book she owns called "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan, which tells the stories of 150 well-known and well-loved hymns, including "Be Thou, My Vision." Morgan writes about this hymn that the text was originally written in the 8th century, in the Irish language, by an unknown author. In 1905, it was translated into English by Mary Elizabeth Byrne and later crafted by Eleanor Hull into the hymn text we know now. The tune, SLANE, is a traditional Irish song, named after an area in Ireland where St. Patrick did a lot of his evangelizing in the 4th century.

## 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 the volunteers** for setting up this morning and to those who will be packing up this afternoon. Thank you to our scripture reader, Leigh Carlson.

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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

### Announcements

**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!

### Upcoming Services

- Sunday, May 3th - Indoor/Outdoor Picnic (downstairs)
- Sunday, May 10th - Rev. Ray Cuthbert (Mother's Day)
- Sunday, May 17th - Worship with

Rev. Karen Lumley  
• Sunday, May 24th - Pentecost, Confirmation, Sacrament of Baptism & Communion.  
• Sunday, May 31th - Regional Council Sunday @ Westworth United Church

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

### Community News

• **MLA Mike Moroz** is hosting a River Heights Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May

2, 2026 from 10am-1pm. The meeting location is 75 Poseidon Bay. Community members of all ages are invited to join MLA Moroz for a few hours to pick up litter, beautify shared spaces, and show pride in our neighbourhood. Supplies will be provided, and participants are welcome to drop in for any portion of the event.

- **On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm, Marlon Goolcharan presents:** 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 26**

Fellowship Lunch (auditorium)

Sunday Recital Series (sanctuary)

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2:15pm

### **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.

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

### **MONDAY, APRIL 27**

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

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

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### **FRIDAY, MAY 1**

Rental—Canticum (sanctuary) @ 6pm

### **SATURDAY, MAY 2**

Rental—Marlon Goolcharan (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—Canticum (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

### **SUNDAY, MAY 3**

