



Sunday, May 3, 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.

Rev. Karen Lumley will be on Study Leave from May 4th to May 14th. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard by phone or text at 431-294-3149, call Westworth at the church office 204-489-6974; or email at Westworth minister@westworth.ca

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!

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.

Picnic

GATHERING MUSIC: *This is God's Wondrous World* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: **VU291** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
♪ (Refrain) **All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
in love, God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. R**

**The purple headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. R**

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. R**

**The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. R**

**God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. ♪**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Prairie Spirit United Church*

**For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples
have walked on this land.**

**The relationship with the land is at the center
of our lives.**

**We acknowledge the first peoples and their
stewardship of this land throughout the ages.
The land we worship and live on is part of Treaty 1.**

**Our water comes from Treaty 3 and our hydro
from Treaty 5 territories.**

**We acknowledge errors made in the past by
those arriving from other lands and we pledge
to work towards the right relationships with all
First Nations peoples.**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *World Council of Churches Resources for Creation*

**In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,
and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life
we come.**

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with God's presence.

Glory to God in the highest!

And on Earth peace with all creation!

PRAYER

HYMN: *The Butterfly Song* (Brian Howard, words and music)

♪ **If I were a butterfly,**

I'd thank you, God, for giving me wings.

And if I were a robin in a tree,

I'd thank you, God, that I could sing.

And if I were a fish in the sea,

I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee,

But I just thank you, God, for making me 'me!'

For you gave me a heart,

And you gave me a smile.

You gave me Jesus,

And you made me your child.

*And I just want to thank you, God, for making
me 'me!'*

If I were an elephant,

I'd thank you, God, by raising my trunk.

And if I were a kangaroo,

You know I'd hop right up to you.

And if I were an octopus,

I'd thank you, God, for my fine looks,

But I just thank you, God, for making me 'me!'

For you gave me a heart...

If I were a wig-gi-ly worm,

I'd thank you, God, that I could squirm.

And if I were a billy goat,

I'd thank you, God, for my strong throat.

And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,

I'd thank you, God for my fuzzy wuzzy hair,

But I just thank you, God, for making me 'me!'

For you gave me a heart... ♪

THE CREATION STORY: Genesis 1

STORY TIME

REFLECTION

HYMN: **VU229** *God of the Sparrow*

♪ **God of sparrow, God of whale, God of the swirling stars.**
How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise.

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast.
How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save.

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave.
How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal.
How does the creature say Care. How does the creature say Life.

God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook.
How does the creature say Love. How does the creature say Peace.

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart.
How do your children say Joy. How do your children say Home. ♪

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Phillip Keveren

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: *Joyful Day* Mark Hayes

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 everyone involved in our service today. Thank you to those who helped with the organizing of our picnic, setting up, and packing up.

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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

able to give rides for Clark Brownlee to see Joan at the St. Boniface Hospital, please contact Ross, Clark's son, by phone or email to arrange rides at 204 250-9428. Joan welcomes visitors.

Congratulations to Robbie Belton and Margaret Pawluck Henderson in the birth of Lewis Belton, sibling of Theresa Belton Henderson.

A few volunteers are needed to help with the choir show on Saturday, May 9th. One ticket seller and several ushers are needed. Please contact the church office if

you can help out. Thank you so much.

Upcoming Services

- 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 31st - Regional Council Sunday @ Westworth United Church

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. Cook-

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.

ies are also available from Rev. Karen Lumley's office.

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

- **Today, May 3rd 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, MAY 3

Rental—Bertha Elias (sanctuary) @ 1pm

Rental—Marlon Goolcharan (sanctuary) @ 3pm

MONDAY, MAY 4

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

Music Note

The hymntune for "All Things Bright and Beautiful" is called ROYAL OAK, named after an actual tree in Shropshire, England, in which King Charles II hid after being defeated by Parliamentarians at the Battle of Worcester in 1651, during the British Civil War. The melody is a folksong that is likely much older than the 1600s, but was published as a hymntune in 1915 by Martin Shaw. The original Royal Oak tree no longer stands, but a descendant of the original now grows in its place, known as "Son of Royal Oak."

Announcements

Remember Audrey Belyea and family in your prayers in the passing of her sister, Phyllis Thomson.

Remember in prayer Joan Stevenson, who is in the hospital receiving Comfort Care. If anyone is

