

FEEDING THE 5000

Sunday, August 2, 2026



Summer is a time to be! A time to relax. A time to rest! A time to be with family and friends.

Summer is a time to celebrate! Weddings, friends, family and yes, even Church.

We are glad you chose to be here today or join us online. If you are from Westworth United Church we are glad to be partnering with you again this summer. It is good to have services together. Actually, it is great! If you are visiting or new to River Heights feel free to come anytime! Come relaxed in shorts and a T-shirt. Be comfortable! Let's all connect! Let's all be together and just be!

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.

Summer Services

August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

During the month of August, the office works under reduced hours:

-Tuesdays 9am-12pm

-Wednesdays 9am-3pm

-Thursdays 9am-3pm

These are the hours the office will be physically open.

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.

Questions Jesus Asked

Are you Hungry?

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF THE LAND AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

As we gather here today, let us take a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we stand and the Indigenous Peoples who have stewarded this land since time immemorial. We recognize that our worship space is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples on the homeland of the Metis and Inuit peoples. We extend our gratitude and respect to them for their enduring presence and care for this land.

In this moment of recognition, we honour the diverse cultures and spiritualities of the Indigenous Peoples who continue to shape and enrich our communities. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation, healing, and justice, walking alongside Indigenous Peoples with humility, empathy, and open hearts.

As we worship and celebrate together, let us be mindful of our shared responsibility to protect and nurture the land, to honour the wisdom and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, and to cultivate relationships rooted in respect, understanding, and unity. In doing so, we contribute to a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate world for all.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: **MV171** *Christ Has No Body Now but Yours*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026, edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu.*

My people are hungry. **There are too many to feed.**

Give them something to eat. **We have only five loaves and two fish.**

You have everything you need. **It would take a miracle.**

With God, all things are possible. **In Christ, new hope has dawned.**

PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: *There's Enough for All* (Words and music: Bryan Moyer Suderman)

TLUS 60

There's enough for all



There's e - nough for all if we would learn to share it, there's e -



nough for all, oh, help us to be - lieve. There's e -



nough for all. Let's bring our loaves and fish - es, and



of - fer them to Je - sus. There's more than e - nough for you and me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026* edited by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu.
**God of mystery and power, you call us home amid our fear and doubt.
When we are hungry and weary, we yearn to be filled and revived.
When our faith wavers, help us to find shelter in your ways.
When faced with those in need, we dream of doing the impossible,
for you are with us and work through us.
Stay with us when we have need of you, O God, and bless us in our struggles, that we might
be a blessing for others. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14:13-21 read by Heather Robbins
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Loralie Friesen

SERMON

HYMN: **VU355** *For the Crowd of Thousands*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Lord, listen to your children praying
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: **VU541** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
♪ **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU424** *May the God of Hope, Go with Us* vs.1
♪ **May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

POSTLUDE

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, Loralie Friesen and our scripture reader, Heather Robbins.

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Coming Up...

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @7:\$0pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Celebration Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @7:\$0pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday Recital Series

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @7:\$0pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Fair

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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.

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @7:\$0pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rental—Danny Carroll (sanctuary) @ 5pm

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm
Choir practice (sanctuary) @7:\$0pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Decorating the church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

