



Are You Still Here?

Sunday, August 16, 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.

Children's packages are available in the Narthex for any children present for worship.

Summer Services

August 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
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GATHERING MUSIC: *Gavotte* (from 'Holberg Suite') Edvard Grieg
Morning has broken (Bunessan) arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We proudly and lovingly acknowledge the land and territory that we stand and pray on as a congregation and family of the church. We acknowledge and pray for the peoples, ancestors and presence of the Indigenous peoples of Anishinaabe, Cree, Anisininew, and Dakota people. We also acknowledge all the Indigenous, Metis and Inuit of this great land of Turtle Island and their ancestors and all seven generations before and after us in this place, this church and country of Canada. Thanks be to God for all creation.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: **VU409** *Morning Has Broken*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Prayers to Share, Year A, written by: David Sparks.*

How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

to gather for worship, to rejoice in thanksgiving.

How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

to encourage each other to be good friends.

How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

to work together to support the troubled, near and far away.

How wonderful it is for God's people to live together in harmony:

to have the promised blessing, life that never ends.

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU271** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026, written by B. J. Beu, pg. 174.*

Merciful God, free us from the desire for retribution towards those who have wronged us.

And fill us with mercy and compassion for those who trigger deep-seated prejudices against those who offend us.

Open our hearts, O God, to those who seem different and strange.

For we long to know the joy of living in harmony with those we would rather live without. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 15:21-28 read by Glenda Oldham

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

SOLO: Ian Olson - *Wayfaring Stranger*, Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Gwyneth Walker.

SERMON

HYMN: **MV79** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Rejoice, ye pure in heart* (Marion) arr. Robert Hobby

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

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 Ian Olson, and our scripture reader, Glenda Oldham.

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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: *Andante in G major* Thomas Arne

Announcements

Remember in prayer Audrea Belyea, who is in the Misericordia Hospital. She would welcome visitors

Remember in prayer Glenn Neufeld, who is awaiting treatment

Mark the Date: Celebration Sunday is September 13th! More to come in the following weeks.

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.

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8:30pm*

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

*Rental—Oleg Pokhanovski
(sanctuary) @ 8pm*

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) @ 7:30pm*

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

