

Will You Follow Me?

Sunday, August 30, 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.

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Edward Arthur Cornelius DeFehr, child of Collin and Kelsey DeFehr and Devon Dorothy Napper, child of Meghan McNaught and Colin Napper, are being baptized.

A special thank you to Westworth United Church and some folks from Prairie Spirit, who have been worshipping with us this past month. It has been wonderful having the faith communities together.

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

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
Will You Follow Me?

GATHERING MUSIC: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* arr. Roger Wilson (tune from Mass No.7 - Haydn)

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: **VU567** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2011-2012, pg. 43.*

We gather, as those called to worship God.

We gather, as those called to follow Christ.

We gather, as those empowered by Spirit.

We gather, that we may be scattered in service and witness.

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see booklet)

Edward Arthur Cornelius DeFehr, child of Collin and Kelsey DeFehr

Devon Dorothy Napper, child of Meghan McNaught and Colin Napper.

Hebrew Benediction **VU965**

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

the Lord make his face shine up on thee,

and be gracious unto thee:

the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,

and give thee peace. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU444** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:21-28 read by Sandy Marles

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

SOLO: Fred Cross - *Let us strive to be like our Saviour* (Text: Mack Harrell Music: J. S. Bach)

Let us strive to be like our Saviour,

Follow in His footsteps true,

Ever forth toward heaven marching,

Learning still more pure to be,

Standing fast in Spirit free.

Through His love all good bestowing!

Blessed Saviour stand by me;

Lead thou on, I follow Thee!

Let us strive to be like our Saviour,

He our risen Lord and King.

We partake of His salvation

As in Truth alone we live:

Oh what blessings He doth give,

Faithful Friend of peoples and nations!
Saviour, may we live for Thee;
May we ever faithful be!

SERMON

HYMN: **VU506** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Grazioso* Telemann

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.
Praying, let us work for peace
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call. ♪

POSTLUDE: *Postlude in C* E.L. Ashford arr. Benton Price

Announcements

Remember in prayer Audrea Belyea and Nancy Parkhill, who are in the Misericordia Hospital. They both would welcome visitors

Remember Glenn Neufeld in your prayers

Sunday Recital Series:

The St. Andrews River Heights Choir invites you to join us for a recital on Sunday, September 20th at 12pm in the sanctuary. Come and hear the organists of St. Andrew's present an afternoon filled with wonderful organ music! Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted. Tax receipts will be available, and all proceeds benefit the music program at St. Andrew's.

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 Fred Cross, and our scripture reader, Sandy Marles. Thank you to our guest organist, Ann-Marie Bakkelund.

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Help is needed for set up of the chairs and tables at 10am sharp for Celebration Sunday and take down. Please contact the church office or Rev. Karen Lumley if you can help.

“We are all Treaty People” is an event organized and funded by the Anglican Diocese of Rupert’s Land, Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba, Prairie to Pine Region of The United Church of Canada and Winnipeg Quakers, in partnership with The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba. The purpose of this event is to bring Indigenous folk, Settlers and Newcomers together to celebrate and honour our relationship with one another under the treaties signed by our ancestors.

This year the event will feature Nii-gaan Sinclair, Allen Sutherland, Don Amero, Anne-Marie Willott, Ryan Richard, Hinode Taiko Drummers and Josh Ward. These are speakers, singers, dancers, and drummers (Japanese drummers). There will also be games and activities for all ages, crafters selling their wares, and information tables. There will be food and ceremony as well.

The date is September 20 from 1pm to 4pm at the Forks-National Historic Site, Centre Field. We are encouraging people from our congregation to attend this event, and volunteers are needed to help. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Karen Lumley, klumley@standrewsriverheights.com or phone at 204-250-5073.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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

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

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.

Sunday CELEBRATION

Sunday September 13,
255 Oak Street

Outdoor Service: 10:30
Lug a chair

BBQ: 11:30

Individual Sundaes
(with all the toppings)

Free

Menu
Hotdogs
Chips
Drink

Fun
For the whole family

Bouncies

Bring your friends



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