

Are You Listening?

Sunday, September 6, 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.

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

Remember Glenn Neufeld in your prayers

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.

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: *Passacaglia* Douglas Wagner
God is here (Blaenwern) arr. Stanley Vann

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN: **VU389** *God is Here*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023, written by: Michael Beu.*

Sing a new song to God. **Sing of light and hope.**

Dance with laughter and joy. **Dance with hearts full of love.**

Rejoice with strings and drums. **Rejoice with justice and peace.**

Sing a new song to God.

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU401** *Worship the Lord*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026, written by: Leigh Ann Shaw.*

Merciful God, we have not always sought reconciliation as you have called us to do.

We have allowed pride and fear to keep us from addressing conflicts with love and grace.

Forgive the times we have withheld forgiveness and failed to seek peace.

Help us approach others with an open heart, ready to heal and restore relationships. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:15-20 read by Ruth McKenzie

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

SOLO: Marlon Goolcharan – *JESU, the Very Thought of Thee* by S.S Wesley

JESU, the very thought of thee

With sweetness fills my breast;

But sweeter far thy face to see,

And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,

Nor can the memory find

A sweeter sound than thy blessed name,

O Saviour of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,

O joy of all the meek,

To those who fall how kind thou art!

How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved one know.

JESU, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.
Amen

SERMON

HYMN: **VU400** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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: *Trio in F major*
Josef Rheinberger

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: *Fantasia* Johann Krebs

Announcements

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 Marlon Goolcharan, and our scripture reader, Ruth McKenzie.

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Recycling update

Thanks to everyone who has supported our recycling program so far. There are a few changes to the original list, and we are working on revising the posters. Meanwhile, please note that personal care products (e.g. toothpaste tubes) must be cleaned out before recycling. This sounds quite onerous, but it's actually quite easy. Many other personal care items are also recyclable - if cleaned out. Please refer to www.pactcollective.org for a list of products and suggestions for cleaning.

Also, please note that toothbrushes are no longer accepted. We are adding lightbulbs, and there is now a bin in the narthex. There are no changes regarding pens, markers, batteries, printer cartridges and eyeglasses. Please speak to Linda Fearn for more information.

"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 Williott, 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.

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: 1030

Lug a chair

BBQ: 11:30

Individual Sundae (with all the toppings)

Free Menu
Hotdogs
Chips
Drink

Fun For the whole family

Bouncies

Bring your friends