



Sunday, September 20, 2026



It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone, with fall activities fast approaching. Everyone is back to school, holidays are over, and new schedules are emerging, which look to be as busy as ever.

Let's take some time to reflect on the past year, while at the same time anticipate the excitement of a new church year beginning and all of the activities that entails. There is a long list of events, activities and things to be involved in. Sign up and be a part of what is happening here at St. Andrew's

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 trans-
formed 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.

Sunday School Registration forms are available this Sunday. Please register your children.

Glenn Neufeld passed away on September 16th. Remember his family in your prayers.

Audrey Belyea passed away on September 5th. Remember her family in your prayers. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, October 10th, with the time TBA.

Rev. Karen Lumley is on Study Leave from Monday, September 14th-18th in Kelowna, B.C. for a Diaconal Minister's gathering. She will be officiating at a service in Roland, Manitoba, for a funeral for Joyce Rich on Saturday, September 19th and at the Treaty Days at the Forks on Sunday, September 20th.

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.

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

GATHERING MUSIC: *Cantilena* - Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU227** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *(Based on Psalm 105)*

Let us worship God our Creator

Let us remember and tell the stories of our faith

Let us sing our hymns of praise and thanksgiving and faith

Let us open our hearts to God's love and amazing grace

Let us worship as companions of Jesus

Let us worship with lives that share God's love with all people and all God's creation.

PRAYER:

God, give us faith to trust even when life is difficult, even when we experience doubt, even when we cannot see You with us. Give us faith to trust that nothing can ever remove us from Your love, to trust that we live in Your world, in Your love, now and always. AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME/STORY FOR ALL

HYMN: **MV28** *God of the Bible*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, forgive us for the times we treat You like a genie in a bottle, thinking You serve us and should grant us whatever we wish. God, surprise us again with Your deep mystery, with Your faithfulness grounded in Your freedom, with Your amazing grace that embraces all creation. God, give us faith to respond to Your call and invitation to love as Jesus loved. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *O Source of All* (Neil Klotz, text; Brian Tate, music)

O source of all, You shine Your light within,

And then surround with Holy silence.

Primal sound, You breathe life into our being,

You touch our hearts with Your love.

We awaken and we rise.

May we walk in peace united.

May we live in love enlightened,

And know that we are one.

Grant us the bread of life.

Help us to understand.

Let Your forgiveness pass from hand to loving hand.

Free us from thoughts that bind.

Remind us who we are,

A part of earth and sea,

Of sky and shining star.

A single note becomes a song.

A spark of light becomes a flame.

Your sacred promise is renewed,
Your cosmic cycle comes again, and again.

O Source of all, help us to grow.
May it be so, may it be so.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16 read by Rachel Tarrant
May God speak to us through this reading of scripture. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU260** *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Holy God, we praise your name* (Grosser Gott - VU 894) arr. Michael Burkhardt

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: **VU539** *God of All Good* vs.1

♪ **God of all good, our gifts we bring you,
use them your holy purpose fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU431** *Sing Amen*

♪ Leader: Sing Amen!

All: Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Leader: Sing Amen!

All: Amen, we praise your name, O God!

Leader: Sing Amen!

All: Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen! Amen, we praise your name, O God! ♪

POSTLUDE: *Allegro Moderato* Robert Hughes

Music note

Our Benediction this season is written by South African composer and conductor Stephen Molefe. Molefe was of Sotho descent and was a choir director of a Catholic Church in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. In 1977, he met Fr. Dave Dargie at a composition conference. Dargie helped notate Molefe's songs so they could be sung more widely. This song, Asithi: Amen (Sing Amen), is in Xhosa and was originally written as an Amen during the Catholic communion liturgy.

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 our scripture reader, Rachel Tarrant. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook.

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Announcements

Sunday Recital Series:

The St. Andrews River Heights Choir invites you to join us for a recital today 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.

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, September 27th - Sacrament of Baptism and the Community Fair. Wear Orange to remember Orange Shirt Day which is September 30th.

Community Fair on Sunday, September 27th after church. Every Interest Group (Committee) will have a table with information about their group. People will be there to

chat with you about their group and what they are involved in. Come and see where and how you can be involved.

Remember in prayer Nancy Parkhill, who is in the Misericordia Hospital. She would welcome visitors

How can we serve?

From time to time, we get requests from people who need/want a ride to church. Is this a service you can offer? If you are able/willing to pick up someone from your general neighbourhood, please let Charlotte in the office know. The need is there, and this is just one more opportunity for service. Thank you for considering this.

Confirmation Classes will be offered this fall or winter for youth and adults. Please let Rev. Karen Lumley know your availability.

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.

Bible Study begins on Wednesday, October 7th at 9:30am in the lounge; all are welcome.

Coming up at St. Andrews

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
20 Sunday Recital Series (sanctuary) @ 12pm	21 Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm	22 Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm	23 Book Club (lounge) @ 1:30pm	24 Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm Choir practice (Sanctuary) @ 7:30pm	25	26
27 Community Fair	28	29	30	Oct 1 Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm Choir practice (Sanctuary) @ 7:30pm	Oct 2	Oct 3



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