



**Sunday, September 27, 2026**



This Sunday, we wear orange to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools. We wear orange in the name of compassion and the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation.

#### **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. Ava Pearl Stone, child of Kaitlind Sookoo & James Stone is being baptized.

**Sunday School** registration forms are available at the back of the church for those who have not registered their children, and youth may go to Sunday School after the Children's time.

**Wearing your orange T-shirt today** is to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools. We wear orange in the name of compassion and the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation. Our Outreach Sunday will be November 1.

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.

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**Orange T-shirt Day**

GATHERING MUSIC: *'Simple Gifts'* arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH  
An update from Council – Loralie Friesen

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY:

**Here we congregate on Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. Where we now gather, generations gathered long before Europeans landed on these shores. The original inhabitants of this land, known to some as the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island, took seriously the Creator's call to be stewards of air, land, water, and creature. This morning, we pray our thanks for their conservancy; we exist in this place because of the lessons they continue to teach. Let us come before the Creating One as we offer our prayers, hear holy stories, and sing sacred songs.**

CENTERING WORDS/A CREE LULLABY: *The Sleepy Song, A Cree Lullaby* (Sherryl Sewepagaham, Woodland Cree text and music)

Nipa, kisâkihitin.

Go to sleep, I love you.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Minister's Annual Manual, Logos Productions, 2014-2015, pg. 75.*

Our God calls us to worship. **We are here, God, we are here.**

We have made a choice to be here today. **We are here, God, we are here.**

It is a joy to gather in sacred community, to sing our praises together.

**We are here, God, we are here.**

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN: **VU651** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see booklet)

Ava Pearl Stone, child of Kaitlind Sookoo & James Stone

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: **MV161** *I Have Called You by Your Name*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026, written by Karen Clark Ristine.*

**We long to quiet the noise and distraction of daily life,**

**to hear more clearly your call on our lives.**

**Still our souls, that we may hear with clarity**

**the wonders of your love guiding us on. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *Earth Song* (Frank Ticheli, text and music)  
Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour,  
The wind, it stirs.  
The scorched earth  
cries out in vain:

O war and power,  
You blind and blur.  
The torn heart  
cries out in pain.

But music and singing  
Have been my refuge,  
And music and singing  
Shall be my light.

A light of song  
Shining strong: Alleluia!  
Through darkness, pain and strife, I'll  
Sing, Be, Live, See...  
Peace.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:23-32 read  
by Sonja Lundstrom  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **MV212** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Poco Allegro in A flat major* Cesar Franck

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 to 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: *Prelude in A major* J.S. Bach

### Music Note

The Sleepy Song is a lullaby written by Cree-Dene composer Sherryl Sewepagaham. Sherryl is from Little Red River Cree Nation in Northern Alberta. She is a composer, educator, and a PhD student in Ethnomusicology at UBC, studying the connections between Cree language and music practices. In 2026, she earned a Juno nomination for her collaboration with the Canadian Chamber Choir on their album, "Where Waters Meet." Sherryl will be in Winnipeg to perform with the Canadian Chamber Choir and Dead of Winter next Sunday, October 4, 3:00 at the Desautels Concert Hall (UofM).

### Announcements

**Community Fair today 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.

**Glenn Neufeld** passed away on September 16th. Remember his family in your prayers. A service of Celebration will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 2pm.

### 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, Sonja Lundstrom.

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## Announcements

**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, at 11am.

**Nancy Parkhill**, who was in the Misericordia Hospital, is now home recuperating. Something to rejoice.

### Upcoming Services:

Sunday, October 4th – World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 11th – Thanksgiving & Sacrament of Baptism

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

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

### 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. Clark Brownlee needs a ride on Sundays from the Wellington. If you are able to facilitate this, contact Charlotte or Rev. Karen Lumley.

## 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 at St. Andrews

| Sun                  | Mon   | Tues                                                                              | Wed                                    | Thurs                                                                                                                           | Fri                                  | Sat                                                |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 27<br>Community Fair | 28    | 29                                                                                | 30                                     | Oct 1<br>Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm<br><br>Choir practice (Sanctuary) @ 7:30pm                                      | Oct 2                                | Oct 3                                              |
| Oct 4                | Oct 5 | Oct 6<br>Worship meeting (board room) @ 10am<br>P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm | Oct 7<br>Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am | Oct 8<br>•Glenn Neufeld Funeral (sanctuary) @ 2pm<br>•Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm<br>•Choir practice (Sanc) @ 7:30pm | Oct 9<br>Decorating the church @ 9am | Oct 10<br>Audrey Belyea Funeral (sanctuary) @ 11am |



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