



THANKFUL

Sunday, October 11, 2026



Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks. It is a grateful acknowledgement of benefits or favours, especially to God. Thanksgiving is a time to acknowledge God's kindness and goodness to us. It is a day set apart for giving thanks.

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.

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the people, places and things in our lives that make a difference and touch us. It is a time to express gratitude for those who touch our lives and make an impact. It is a time to appreciate one another. Today, write a note of thanks (cards are provided) for someone who has touched your life.

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Abigail Eve Hamilton & Sophie James Hamilton, children of Matt & Stacey Hamilton, are being baptized.

Remember Bill Craddock in your prayers as he recuperates from back surgery.

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.

Thanksgiving & Sacrament of Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC: *Come, you thankful people, come* arr. Charles Callahan
Let all things now living (The Ash Grove) arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering Resources for Worship Leaders*, written by Barbara Johns, Queenswood U.C., Orleans, Ont., adapted.

O God, we come before you **to give thanks**

for the wonders of your Creations; **to give thanks**

for the reassuring touch of loved ones; **to give thanks**

for the tantalising aroma of home cooking; **to give thanks**

for the joyous sounds of children laughing; **to give thanks**

for your presence in the difficult times.

We who are so blessed come in gratitude to offer our prayers for all your gifts.

Gracious God, we give you our thanks.

HYMN: **VU516** *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see booklet)

Abigail Eve Hamilton & Sophie James Hamilton, children of Matt & Stacey Hamilton

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: **VU449** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering Resources for Worship Leaders*, written by Beth W. Johnston, Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, N.S. Barbara Johns, adapted.

God, you have provided us with many wonderful gifts.

But there are times when we may get so caught up in the busyness of our own day-to-day living that we forget to stop and breathe a simple word of thanks. Forgive us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (F.S. Pierpoint, text, adapted; Chris Bowman, music)

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies:

Source of all, to you we raise

This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree, and flower,
Sun and moon, and starts of light,
Source of all, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care,
Friend and helper, parent, child.
For the kinship we all share,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Source of all, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime
To the world so freely given;
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Source of all, to you we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:4-9 read by
Rhonda Kennedy
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU783** *To Bless the Earth (Psalm 65)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *To bless the earth*
(Christus der ist mein Leben) Johann Pachelbel

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: *Rejoice ye pure in heart*
(Marion) arr. Michael Burkhardt

Music note

Our second hymn, "Crashing Waters at Creation," has text written by Sylvia Dunstan, who was a United Church minister in a couple pastoral charges before taking the chaplain position at the maximum-security jail in Whitby, Ontario. Sylvia was a prolific hymn-text writer, with 13 of her texts appearing in our hymnal (go to page 988 to see her listing in the index); hymnary.org lists 45 hymn-texts in their database! She died in 1993, at age 38, after a liver cancer diagnosis, but she lives on through her beautiful hymns that are now sung around the world.

Announcements

Board Game Night on October 16 at 7pm in the lounge! Anyone in their 20s-40s is welcome to come out and play some board games, eat some snacks, and enjoy some (light) competition. All are welcome, even those who don't regularly attend St. Andrew's -- please share with anyone who is looking for something new to do. Contact Katy for more information. See you there!

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, Rhonda Kennedy.

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Announcements

Remember Joshua Ward in your prayers as he recuperates from donating a major part of his liver to a neighbour in need. He will be off work from 1JustCity for two months. Remember him, the recipient and his ministry as Site Lead at Pimicikamak Wellness Centre.

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge; all are welcome. We will be studying Matthew 22:15-22 together.

Confirmation Classes will be offered for youth on October 18th. Any youth can attend. Please let Rev. Karen Lumley know.

You are invited to join the St. Andrew's Book Club for our next meeting on November 4 at 1:30pm in the church lounge. We are a group of avid readers who enjoy dis-

cussing books. We make use of the Winnipeg Public Library book club kits, so you don't have to buy books or get on a waiting list. The book for this meeting is State of Wonder by Ann Patchett. Our heroine ventures into the deep jungle of the Amazon forest in search of her colleague who is herself searching for plants which may hold potential medicinal properties. If you would like a copy of the book, please e-mail Ruth McKenzie at mckenziegrst@shaw.ca.

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

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.

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

Coming up at St. Andrews

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
11	12	13 Worship meeting (board room) @ 10am	14 Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am	15 Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm Choir practice (Sanctuary) @ 7:30pm	16 Board game night (lounge) @ 7pm	17
18 Rev. Jeff Cook preaching & Confirmation Classes	19	20 ABC meeting (lounge) @ 1pm Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm	21 Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am	22 Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm Choir practice (Sanctuary) @ 7:30pm	23	24



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