Fulfillment of the Law

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Thanksgiving Sunday has come and gone; however, let us continue to live in gratitude for all God has given us. Grateful for family, friends, church and a faith community that is there with us, supporting us in our living. May we continue to count our many blessings and name them one by one.

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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 is the first confirmation class for the Youth. Join Karen in the lounge before church starts. Karen will not be in worship today.

Thank you to those who decorated the church for Thanksgiving (Ruth McKenzie & Judy Bourcier), those who ensured the downstairs auditorium was ready for the funeral celebrations (Gord Shawcross & Murray Cameron), Susan Wiste, who was cleaning the stains off the rug in the sanctuary, Rhonda Kennedy for putting up the black curtains to hide the orange tarps and anyone else who was involved that I missed. Thanks so much for your contribution to getting the basement ready.

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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GATHERING MUSIC: *Choral in E major* Cesar Franck

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU293** *We Praise You, Creator*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:
Let us worship with speaking and with silence
Let us worship God with singing and with praying
Let us worship God with heart and mind
Let us worship God with hope and faith
Let us worship God as disciples of Jesus
Let us worship God as companions of the resurrected Christ.

PRAYER:
God, in this time of worship, open our hearts, our minds, our imaginations. Open us to Your Spirit with us. Open us to Your Spirit praying through us. Open us to perceive the world as Your creation.
Open us to Your love embodied in Jesus. Open us to loving as you love us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME/STORY FOR ALL

HYMN: *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning* (See insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
God, we confess the opportunities missed when we might have shared Your love, the moments we have refused to acknowledge the pain of others, the times we have judged others by the standards of our preferences rather than by the grace of Your love. God, heal us and give us hearts attuned to Your heart, your love embodied in Jesus. In the spirit of Christ, we pray. AMEN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *It is Well with My Soul* (Horatio G. Spafford, text; Philip Bliss, music; arr. Craig Cassils)

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well, is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well, is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
It is well, is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The heavens be rolled back as a scroll.
The trumpets shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well, is well with my soul.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Colleen Watters
Psalm reading: Psalm 96:1-9
Gospel reading: Matthew 22:15-22
May God speak to us through these readings of Scripture. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Ian Olson – *O Love of God, How Strong and True* (Ralph Vaugh Williams, arr. Howard Helvey)
O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O wide embracing wondrous love!
We read you in the sky above,
we read you in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read your pow'r to bless and save,
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fulness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay
through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in you we rest,
forever safe, forever blest.
Eternal love, in you we rest,
forever blest, forever blest.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU235** *O Worship the King*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY*: Prelude in C major* J.S. Bach

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: *O worship the King (Hanover)* settings by William Mudde and Adrian Vernon Fish

Music Note

Ian Olson is our soloist this morning. Originally from Fargo, Ian recently completed a Post-Bacc in vocal performance at the UofM, and is currently pursuing a Master's of Public Administration at the University of Winnipeg. He also sings in various choirs and ensembles around town. He has been one of our tenor section leads for three years now.

Announcements

Sunday Recital Series:
The St. Andrew's River Heights Choir invites you to join us for a recital celebrating the works of Gilbert and Sullivan on Sunday, November 8th at 12pm in the sanctuary. Fred, Susanne, Rachel, Loralie, and Wes look forward to sharing an hour of Victorian absurdity with you! 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 an Olson, and our scripture reader, Colleen Watters. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook.

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Announcements

Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the lounge; all are welcome. We will be studying Matthew 5:1-12a together.

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

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.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, October 25 - All Saints Sunday & Sacrament of Baptism
- Sunday, November 1 - Outreach Sunday with speaker Craig Wyands, Executive Director of 1Just City
- Sunday, November 8 - Remembrance Day Service

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 discussing 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.

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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
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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