

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Today is All Saints Day, the day we remember, celebrate and honour those who have gone before, the historical saints, the contemporary saints and saints still living among us. Let us be a people of faith who live boldly changing our world. Go be a saint! .

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. Lewis Lloyd Belton-Henderson, child of Maggie Henderson & Robert Belton is being baptized.

On November 1st, after the Outreach Sunday church service, our guest speaker, Craig Wyands, will be running a Q&A. There will be bannock and jam to enjoy; everyone is invited to join!

Sunday, November 8th, is our Remembrance Day Service. If anyone can lay the wreath, please contact the church office or Rev. Karen Lumley. Youth involved in the Scouting and Guide program are welcome to wear their uniforms and be part of the laying of the wreath.

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.*

All Saints Day & Sacrament of Baptism

GATHERING MUSIC: *Musette* Edwin H. Lemare

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH
An update from Council – Deanne Bennett

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering, Resources for Worship Leaders, Pentecost 2025, written by Tony Tuck, pg. 46.*
Let us remember:
Those throughout history who have led in praising God and spreading the good news.
Let us remember:
The warm embrace of loved ones, those who have comforted us over time, those who have acted fearlessly in times of despair and devastation.
Let us remember:
The strength and love of elders, the lasting presence of friends, the kindness of strangers, the laughter of children, and the unconditional love of those who have offered it.
On this All Saints Day, let us remember:
The love of Jesus, the wonder of the Holy Spirit, and the abiding presence of God.
Let us remember as we worship today.

HYMN: **VU710** *Shall We Gather at the River*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see booklet)
Lewis Lloyd Belton-Henderson, child of Maggie Henderson & Robert Belton

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: **VU442** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Worship for All Ages, edited by Ian Macdonald, Barb Turncliffe & Marilyn Perry, pg. 70.*
We are inspired by the saints who have gone before us and who live among us.
We confess we do not easily see ourselves in their company.
We would rather hide from your call to be the best we can be.
We hang on to our worries and possessions and old habits.
We confess our need to break free of these things to serve you with heart, soul, strength, and mind.
We are truly sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *The Last Journey* (John Bell, text; Iona Boat Song, arr. Brock Downward)
From the falter of breath,
Through the silence of death,
To the wonder that's breaking beyond;
God has woven a way,
Unapparent by day,
For all those of whom heaven is fond.

From frustrations and pain,
Through hope hard to sustain,
To the wholeness here promised, there known;
Christ has gone where we fear
And has vowed to be near
On the journey we make on our own.

From the dimming of light,
Through the darkness of night,
To the glory of goodness above;
God the spirit is sent to ensure heaven's intent
Is embraced and completed in love.

From today till we die,
Through all questioning why,
To the place from which time and tide flow;
Angels tread on our dreams
And magnificent themes
Of heaven's promise are echoed below.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12a read by Vinny Ashton
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON: *Remembering The Saints*
Response after each candle is lit: *In Life, in Death* TLUS91

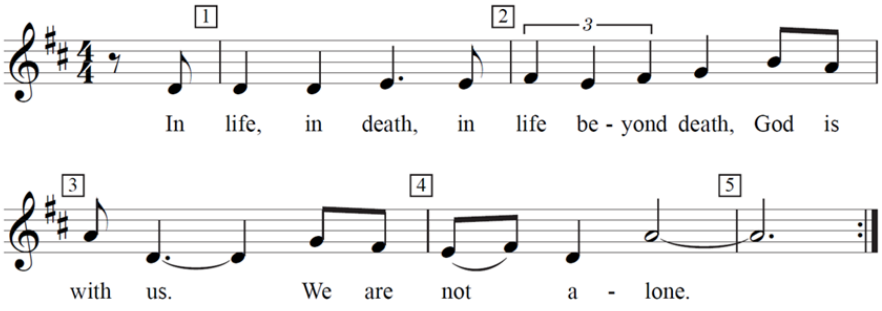
HYMN: **VU706** *Give Thanks for Life*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

TLUS 91

In life, in death



Words: A New Creed, The United Church of Canada
Music: Bruce Harding, 2009

OFFERING/OFFERTORY*:*
Meditation Edouard d'Evry

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: *Andante e spiccat* (from Concerto in D minor) Alessandro Marcello
Elliot Ragout, oboe

Music Note
The text for our anthem today was written by John Bell, a former youth minister with the Church of Scotland, and later the Iona Community. He started writing hymn texts in the 1980s when he "discovered that seldom did our hymns represent the plight of poor people to God. There was nothing that dealt with unemployment, nothing that dealt with living in a multicultural society and feeling disenfranchised,...nothing that reflected concern for the developing world, nothing that helped see ourselves as brothers and sisters to those who are suffering from poverty or persecution." His hymn texts are often set to traditional hymn tunes, or traditional Scottish folk tunes (as with today's anthem). A good example of his writing that shows this concern for representation of modern society is VU117 "Jesus Christ is Waiting."

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 and our scripture reader, Vinny Ashton. Thank you to our guest oboist Elliot Ragot, and flautist Rachel Tarrant.

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Announcements

We can report that after 6.5 years with us as our Office Manager, Charlotte Lindsay has resigned her position to take a position with the Government. For those of us who have worked closely with Charlotte, this is a big loss. But we are very happy for her as she assumes new challenges, and we congratulate her on her new position and wish her all the best. We will miss you, Charlotte!

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.

Any adults interested in confirmation classes, please let Rev. Karen Lumley know so we can arrange this soon or in the new year.

The Outreach group will be collecting socks for 1JustCity, Just a Warm Sleep/ JAWS. Bring a pair of new socks and leave them in the box. Our donation of socks last year was really appreciated and is still one of the most needed items for their guests. Thank you so much for your support!

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.

Girl Guide Cookies are for sale this Sunday and next week, and Karen has some in her office. Jocelyn Carlson & Meaghan Dolinsky are raising money for their troop. Cookies are $6.00 a box.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, November 1 - Outreach Sunday with guest speaker Craig Wyands, Executive Director of 1Just City
- Sunday, November 8 - Remembrance Day Service
- Sunday, November 15 - Downstairs Update on Community Profile (Steps in Calling a Minister)

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 mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca.

Community News

Here from the Beginning is a traveling exhibition "that shares seldom-told stories and histories of Black people and communities in The United Church of Canada. It showcases the contributions and experiences of Black people within the church, amplifying voices that have long been overshadowed by the dominant narrative." **Here from the Beginning** is an English/French bilingual exhibit comprised of almost 2 dozen free-standing pull-up double-sided vinyl banners. **Here from the Beginning** is a free, self-guided exhibit that will be showing at Transcona Memorial United Church, 209 Yale Avenue West, Winnipeg:

Sunday, October 25: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday to Friday, October 26 to 30: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Groups are welcomed. Bookings are not necessary. The TMUC building is accessible. Outside beverages are allowed. For more information contact Transcona Memorial at 204-222-1331.

