

Sunday, November 1, 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.

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

Sunday, November 8, 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.

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

As many of you know, my brother-in-law Greg has been waiting for a kidney transplant, and his surgery was on Wednesday. The surgery went well. Pray for him as he recovers and for the family who lost a loved one who donated a kidney to Greg.

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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Outreach Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (BEECHER, arr. Barbara Kinyon)

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Spirit Mourn, Spirit Dance, by Rebekah Chevalier*
We gather in the name of God, who loves us and who is in our midst.
We gather in the name of the One who proclaims justice and mercy.
We gather to name our sorrow and share new visions.
We gather to heal our pain and rekindle our hope.
We gather because the journey is long.
We gather because we hunger and thirst for a new heaven and a new earth.
The spirit of life has called us to be together. The spirit of compassion has called all of creation to be transformed by love. May this gathering serve to strengthen, encourage and renew us.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: **VU333** *Love Divine All Love Excelling*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:
We bring together many candles, many lights symbolising our differences and our similarities, affirming we are all created by the same God.
We are all chosen by God.
We are all loved by God.
We are all forgiven by God.
May our lives reflect our faith in our words and deeds.

PRAYER:
Creator God, Great Spirit, we pray our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space.
Here we are most aware of the gift of wind:
and the four directions from which it comes.
Here we are most aware of the gift of sun:
and the four directions on which it shines.
Here we are most aware of the gift of humanity;
and the four directions in which we exist.
Here we are most aware of the gift of Creation:
and the four directions which support our living, breathing, and being.
This day we pray thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people of Canada.
and we commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV179** *Sisters Let Us Walk Together*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Adapted from Touch Holiness by Ruth C. Duck*
Tender, holy God, you have come in Christ to bring forth justice.
We confess we have been unjust to others, though seeking justice for ourselves. Your Chosen One nurtures the bruised one and protects the oppressed. Your servant tirelessly seeks justice on earth. Our hope is in you, gracious God. Forgive us and lead us by your hand, that we may show ourselves to be the people who bear Christ's name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: *I Give To You a New Commandment*
(John 13:34-35, text; Peter Nardone, music)
I give to you a new commandment,
A new commandment I give to you,
That you love one another,
Love one another as I have loved you.
Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
[Where charity and truth are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.]
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-40 read by Leigh Carlson
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

HANDBELL CHOIR

SERMON

HYMN: **MV165** *There Is a Time*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY*: Bist Du Bei Mir* (G.H. Stötzel, arr. A. Sherman)

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: Hymn to Joy (Beethoven, arr. Bill Ingram)

Music note
Today we hear two different tunes associated with the hymn text "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"; the handbells are playing BEECHER, and the congregation is singing HYFRYDOL. BEECHER (hymn tunes are always in capital letters), the tune most commonly/historically associated with this text, was composed by German/American composer John Zundel in 1870 and named for his pastor, Henry Ward Beecher. HYFRYDOL was composed by Welsh composer Rowland Huw Prichard in 1831. Prichard was only 19 and working as a textile worker when this tune was published, but it has become a beloved Welsh hymn tune, traditionally used for a few different hymn texts.

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.

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, handbell choir and our scripture reader, Leigh Carlson. Thank you to our guest speaker, Craig Wyands. Thank you to the outreach group who participated in the service.

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pliers if you have them.

Monday, November 2nd Worship will be framing portraits of the ministers, choir directors and students in the lounge. New frames, all identical and plaques for each one will be added. If you would like to help reframe the pictures, join The Worship Group on Monday from 9am-12pm, and 1pm-4pm with lunch provided for all who help. Many hands make light work. Bring needle-nose

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!

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.

Office Manager Opportunity
St. Andrew's River Heights United Church is seeking a permanent part-time **Office Manager** to oversee office administration, communications, facility bookings, and support for church programs and events. We are looking for an organized, personable individual with strong administrative and communication skills. Please submit your résumé and cover letter to m.p255@standrewsriverheights.com by **Friday, November 6**.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, November 8 - Remembrance Day Service
- Sunday, November 15 - Downstairs Update on Community Profile (Steps in Calling a Minister)Soup & Sandwich Lunch provided

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.

Cookie Walk December 5 & 6, 2025
Boxes will be pre-packaged and each box will contain 3 dozen homemade cookies consisting of shortbread and an assortment of cookies. The price per box is $20.00.
To order cookies, please complete the order form available at the back of the church or contact the church office.
Cookies will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 to 10:00am or Sunday, December 6th after the service.
Order early as quantities are limited. All orders must be prepaid before pick up.

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.

Note to all Council and Interest group members:
We require your support to make this a successful event.
Please sign up to make 10 dozen cookies.

To the congregation:
We need your continued support to help to make this event a success.
All donations are welcome.

Please deliver the cookies to the church upstairs kitchen on Thursday, December 3rd.
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Wreaths are for sale! Pre-order yours today! All proceeds go to Just A Warm Sleep, a 1JustCity program. Order forms are at the back of the church or contact the church office to pre-order. Wreaths are $35; cash, cheque and e-Transfer are accepted. The wreaths make a great gift for neighbours, friends and family. The wreaths are expected to arrive late November. Please consider supporting this outreach fundraiser.

