

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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## TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY & ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, October 30, 2011



### Our Mission

To send our people into the world  
restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful;  
to live as Christ would have us live,  
with love and justice as our goals.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Congregation please stand, as you are able, and join congregational responses in **bold print**.

(Listening aids are available in the narthex; large print bulletins with hymns are available from the usher's table.)

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Karen Jensen

PRELUDE: Intermezzo

Healey Willan

### We Gather

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

### We Approach Our God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Draw near and hear the words of God.*

**We gather to listen and pray.**

*Draw near with humble hearts and open minds.*

**We hunger and thirst for God.**

*Draw near to walk this journey of faith.*

**We follow in the footsteps of Christ.**

*Draw near and drink deep of the marrow of life.*

**We come to worship the Lord our God.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison):

**God of earth and heaven, we hunger and thirst  
for your presence in our lives and in our world.  
Nurture us with your truth this day, and  
strengthen us with your word.  
May your teachings be the starting block  
from which we run the marathon of faithful living.  
Guide us this day and all days,  
that we may be a people who serve and love  
as you love and care for us.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: MV**46**

Bless the Lord

Brennan/Cavallero/Roth/Canedo

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**Gracious God,  
we come to you with humble hearts.  
You see us at our best and at our worst.  
You know when we have grabbed the seats of honor,  
or when we have assumed the earth's gifts  
are ours for the taking.  
You know when we have been judgemental  
rather than encouraging.  
And you know when we have enjoyed power  
rather than choosing the role of the servant.  
When we exalt ourselves, forgive us.  
Gracious God,  
we come to you with humble hearts.  
Hear our prayers and guide us through the waters**

**onto the dry ground of humble servanthood-  
the promised land of faith. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE: **MV68**

Kyrie Eleison (Guarani)

O God have mercy, O God have mercy,  
O God have mercy, have mercy on us.

\*HYMN: **896**

Blest Are They (Matthew 5)

Haas

CHILDREN'S TIME

**We Listen for God's Word**

SOLO: Deep River

(Soloist: Derek Morphy)

Traditional Spiritual

arr. by Marshall Bartholomew

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

read by Diane Wreford

ANTHEM: The Beatitudes

Text: Matthew 5: 3-11

Music: Bob Chilcott

MESSAGE: "To Be or Not To Be"

**We Make Our Response**

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:

Statement of Purpose

Introduction

Minister:

*Leslie, Sandra, Carol, Jan and Margaret, will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?*

**New Member:**

**I will with God's help.**

**\*Congregational Commitment** (unison):

**As your brothers and sisters in the community of faith, we welcome you. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church together.**

Presentation of Candles: (ministers light the candles from the Christ Candle and pass to new members)

Welcome

## OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Air

Jean-Joseph Mouret

**\*DOXOLOGY: 537** (verse 1)

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

KILMARNOCK

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND A PARAPHRASE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU916)

**We Go Forth**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **705**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

\*BLESSING:

*With thanks and praise, we have drawn near  
and heard your teachings.*

**We have heard God's challenging word.**

*With love and grace, Christ has drawn near to us.*

**We go forth with Christ's love in our hearts.**

*In humility and gratitude, we are called to serve.*

**We will shower God's world with love.**

\*BENEDICTION: **MV212**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

POSTLUDE:

Fanfare

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Our postlude music is a time for quiet reflection and listening, or it can be a time to leave the sanctuary and greet the ministers at the back of the church and begin coffee hour and fellowship with others. Please feel free to choose either option!

*The flowers in the church today are to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Ruby Ellen Thompson (who passed away November 2, 2010)  
from Deborah Thorvaldson and family.*

*Today we welcome Leslie Simard-Chiu, Sandra Brown, Carol Holland, Jan Demeduk, Ted & Margaret Hinchliffe who have transferred their membership to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church.*



Please join us for coffee, tea and juice  
after the service.



## **Welcome to Worship**

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and newcomers. Please sign our guest register and introduce yourself to an usher so that we may help you feel at home. Would you like someone to phone you about St. Andrew's River Heights United Church? Please leave your phone number in the register and a representative of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee will be happy to contact you.

You are welcome to take this bulletin home with you. If not, please place your bulletin in the paper-recycling bin.



## **The Anthem this week**

The text this week, from Matthew Chapter 5, is one of the best known texts in the New Testament, the beginning of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. It is naturally a favourite, although challenging, text to set to music. English composer, Bob Chilcott, who has moved on from his role as a tenor in the King's Singers to being one of the most respected of current choral music composers, has crafted a fine setting of these words. He leads us through various moods suggested by each of the blessings, from the gentle simplicity of the opening "Blessed are the poor in spirit" to the more dramatic and colourful "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you".

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