

# St. Andrew's River Heights United Church

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## Baptismal Sunday Sunday, September 25, 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

#### PRELUDE:

Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

R. Vaughan Williams

### We Gather

#### WELCOME

#### LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

### We Approach Our God

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.*

**We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faithful people.**

*Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.*

**We will be sojourners of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

*Gracious God, we feel your creativity awaiting life. Your voice whispers to us, forming that vision which is so intimately our own, yet asks to be shared.*

**The words that require a page, the forms of colour begging a canvas, the motion that needs to be danced, or the patterns of sound that may breathe only through a flute.**

*Help us to recognize these voices in ourselves and challenge us to realize them to life. Amen.*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **335**

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

**Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments, draw us close so we may see you in all whom we meet, and help us know everyday that you are with us. 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: MV87**

Water Flowing from the Mountains

J. Hannah

CHILDREN'S TIME: (Please refer to blue Baptismal Booklets)

**We Listen for God's Word**

SOLO: Happy is the Man

Eric H. Thiman

(Soloist: Heather Kozak)

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,  
and the man that getteth understanding  
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her,  
and happy is everyone that retaineth her.

She is more precious than rubies,  
And all things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand,  
and in her left hand riches and honour.  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.

THE HEBREW LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7 O.T. pg.64

read by Linda Paul

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:1-13 N.T. pg.197

read by Diane Bewell

ANTHEM: Lord of feasting and of hunger

Text: H. Brokering

Music: R. Edwards/Arr: C. Schalk

Lord of feasting and of hunger, give us eyes to see your bread  
In the miracle of wonder, till all tables will be fed.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of seed and Lord of harvest turn the desert into bloom;  
Purify the sky and forest, give your wisdom; send it soon.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of storm and heat and danger, deep inside and high above,  
Break into all fear and anger, till you reign the earth in love.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of taking and of giving, give us back our dignity;  
In our universal living, break down all inequity.  
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

MESSAGE: "When You Are Where You Don't Want To Be"

\*HYMN: **639**

One More Step Along the World I Go

SOUTHCOTE

**We Make Our Response**

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY:

Giga

D. Alberti

\*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

## We Go Forth

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: **658**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST MARGARET

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION: **MV212**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

POSTLUDE:

Toccata in E minor

J. Pachelbel

*We welcome this day into the family of God:  
Angelo Robert Pentrelli,  
son of Eugenio and Kate Pentrelli.  
Godparents are Stephen and Rayna Redmond.*

## 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**

Herbert Brokering was a Lutheran pastor, poet, author and hymn writer who lived and spent most of his long and varied career in Bloomington, Minnesota. The text contains echoes of the sentiments felt by the Israelites in the desert, and references many inequities and realities in our contemporary world.

## **Sunday School**

The scriptures in the Sunday School today are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32. Since the readings today are examinations of choices, the children will be discussing together what it means to make faithful choices in their lives. Our willingness to re-examine our choices, to learn and grow from them are important characteristics of those who are “alive in God’s way.”

## **St. Andy II**

And now a word from St. Andy II...

“Autumn is here, summer has ended, hope everyone had as much fun as intended.” Welcome to new and continuing teachers and students to the many exciting activities which you will encounter as members and newcomers to the vibrant life of St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church.

St. Andy will look forward to seeing you in the Library – and if help with extra church school material is required – he is usually in the Library by 10:00am each Sunday. Hopefully the congregation will not be shy this year, and that St. Andy will see you in the Library taking out casual reading or re-enforcing Bible study material.

“A book is not a gift until it is read.”

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