

Sunday May 3, 2026

10:30am, Red Dress Day

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Worship Leaders Rev. Wanda Stride, Ellen Goodeve

10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

The Risen One meets us today.

Thanks be to the God of Life.

Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

Moment to Gather Ourselves

Song To Gather Us Together: TLUS 107, Come And Rest In The Arms Of God

Come and rest in the arms of God,

leave your worry and fear;

make your home in the heart of God,

God will dry ev'ry tear.

For the burden you carry will fade within God's care,

Come and rest in the arms of God. *Repeat*

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us that the love of Jesus, the presence of Christ, the power of the Spirit... it's for us all. God's light is for every single one of us. May we all let our light shine before others, so that all may find their way to abundant life.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy Creator, gentle Christ, gather us into your fold this morning. Ease our troubled hearts as you eased the chaos of the void at creation. Stir our hearts with your Spirit of love as we pray and praise today. Restore us to the strength you want for us, so that we can be the disciples you need in these times. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU 248, When Long Before Time

- 1 When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...
- 2 ...the silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.
- 3 The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.
- 4 Though, down through the ages, the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again,
our God-Is-with-Us in the world now as then.
- 5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more;
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.
- 6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory for ever, through life and through death

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Holy Wondering: Tess's Red Dress

Honouring love and family, by Carolyn Robert's and Kelsey Mata Foote

Ukulele Hymn: MV 18, Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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Repeat After Me Prayer

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 1-14

Response: This is the Gospel of the risen Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn Presentation: TLUS 50, As The Moon

As the moon pulls the ocean so my soul is drawn to you.
Pull me closer as you circle. I will fall and rise with you,
and rise with you

As the tide rocks the beaches lifting sand as it rolls through,
Lift us up into your dancing. We will rise and dance with you,
and dance with you

As the sand shapes the shoreline sculpting all the lands anew,
We will shape the world you're dreaming, dancing with the rising moon,
the rising moon

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Sermon: The way, not the destination

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 27, Creator God, You Gave Us Life

1. Creator God you gave us life, your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space, we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain

Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.

2. In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity.
3. When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God.

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Blessing

We may not understand how it happens, but we offer these gifts in trust. We know that with your blessing, even our small contributions can change lives. Keep us on that good road, even when it's hard, so we can always follow your way. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: **Daniel, Thian, Henry, Ewa (Eva), Mandalyn, Bill Harris, Donna, Graham, Kevin, Grace Peters, Agnes Ward, Al, John .**

(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers: Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti, Rita McKeown and Michelle Ludlow)

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 220, Praise To The Lord

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him

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Sending Forth:

Let's go from here with the courage to follow closer to Jesus,
even when it makes us uncomfortable.

Let's leave here trusting in God's mercy

There is a world of loneliness, pain and suffering just waiting for a kind word to be spoken
May all our words bring healing. May all our encounters bring love. And may all our actions be for the good of all.

Happening this week:

Sun. May 3	10:30am, Worship (Yardsale after church)
Tues. May 5	2:00pm, Affirm & Equity 6:30pm, LGBTQ Family Support Group
Wed. May 6	10am Bible Study 5pm Supper's Ready – hosted by Brighton Fire and Rescue 5:30 Kid's Crafts
Thurs. May 7	10am, Choir 4pm, Worship
Fri. May 8	6:30pm, The Reasons
Sun. May 10	10:30am, Worship (Mother's Day)

We are creating a new photo directory!

Universal Portrait Studios brings families together for professional portraits while delivering high-quality Pictorial Church Directories.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your family together for a Family Keepsake Portrait and will allow you to hand down something special to upcoming generations.

Participate to receive your FREE photo directory!

Louise from Universal Portrait Studios will be calling starting next week to help with booking appointments. Her number is 613-240-2164 so that you will recognize it on your call display.

To Book Online Click Here: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/73x5j3rg/>

Curious about the **2027 March trip to El Salvador**? Or maybe you already signed up for the postponed trip this year? You are invited to be part of an information / community building zoom meeting Tuesday May 7, 7:00 pm. Contact Rev Wanda for more information and the zoom information.

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Skills and Gift Silent Auction...will run each Sunday after church through the month of April. All items will be on display during coffee time.

The Reasons in concert, Friday May 8, 6:30-10pm. \$25per person. Concert will be in the hall to allow for dancing and refreshments! Tickets available at the church office, by etransfer, Lighthouse Books or online using this link :

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/the-reasons

Suzie Vinnick in Concert, May 29, 7pm. \$30. Tickets available at the church office, Lighthouse Books, by etransfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca or by clicking on this link

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/suzie-vinnick

Three time Juno nominee, 12 Maple Blues award-winner and 2 Canadian Folk Music Award-winning artist. A Saskatoon native transplanted to the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada, Suzie Vinnick is the proud owner of a gorgeous voice, impressive guitar and bass chops and an engagingly candid performance style. Suzie is a 3X Juno Nominee and has won 12 Maple Blues Awards, 2 Canadian Folk Music Awards and a 2024 ECMA with her project A'Court, Spiegel and Vinnick. She has also twice won the International Songwriting Competition – Blues Category. Her latest album is entitled "Fall Back Home".

Looking for a New Yard Sale Leader

We are looking for a new leader to organize our annual Church Yard Sale.

After many years of faithful service, we are seeking someone willing to take on this important and rewarding role. All preparations, instructions, and helpful materials have already been carefully compiled in a file folder to guide you through the process. Ongoing guidance and support will also be available. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, connect with others, and help make one of our community's most cherished events a success. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Helen Bonisteel 613 661-6484.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute!

From The Worship Committee

Beading Workshop

Would you be interested in joining a group to create small beaded crafts to go into our Welcome Bags? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Date/Time/Place will be determined from the input of those attending.

"New Peoples" Breakfast

May 31 at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Reverend Wanda. Invitations are out and available now! If you are new to Trinity-St. Andrew's or still feel new, even after five years, please plan to attend.

Welcoming is up to all of us!

Every Sunday, we will remind you to take those few minutes after the 10:20 announcements and look around for somebody you don't know, or somebody you kind of know but can't remember their name, and let them know you are glad they are here.

Bible study Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf> . We are gathering **Wed. May 13th**, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Celebrate Pride on June 14th, 2026

TSA's 5th annual Pride Walk and Worship Service is on Sunday, June 14th!

Assemble on the church's rainbow steps for the Pride Walk at 10AM. The walk will run, rain or shine.

The Walk ends at Memorial Park where the Pride Worship Service will start at 10:30AM. In case of rain, the worship service will be held in the church.

We'll have great music, a kids play area, refreshments, pride flags and other items. Come and show your Pride by supporting this year's Walk and Worship Service!

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Quiet Room at the church. The next meetings are Tuesday, May 5th. For more information, email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

Exciting news! The LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette or Janet and they will show you all of the titles available!