

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



## November 24, 2024 Red Scarf Sunday 10:30 am



350 Queens Avenue, London, ON N6B 1X6  
TEL (519) 679-8182  
[www.fsaunited.com](http://www.fsaunited.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



### First-St. Andrew's United Church Staff

**Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence** Minister of Worship and Congregational Life

**Rev. Anne-Louise Jannaway** Minister of Pastoral Care

**Chris Fischer** Minister of Music

**Christina Lindsay** Children's Program Coordinator

**Rev. Dr. David McKane** Minister Emeritus

**David Wardlaw** Chair of Council

**Dr. Jo Ann Silcox** Designated Pastoral Care Volunteer

**Kathryn Skelly** Office Manager

**Rev. Karen Low** Voluntary Associate Minister

**Paul Merritt** Organist Emeritus



# Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's.  
If you are new to the family, please know that  
you are always welcome here.

*Hymn and anthem texts reprinted under  
One License #A-729129  
unless otherwise indicated*

**Bold type** indicates congregational response. \* indicates to stand in body or spirit

## Gathering Music:

Rondeau  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot  
Bourree  
Sarabande  
Children's Prayer

FSA Strings, Conductor: Igor Saika  
H. Purcell  
Traditional Spiritual  
G. F. Handel  
G. F. Handel  
E. Humperdinck

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

**Stewardship Moment:** Your Donation Matters - to Outreach Janice Elliott (she/her)

**Blessing of the Red Scarves:** David Cummings, Manager of Community Relations,  
Regional HIV/AIDS Connection

## Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

## Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Candle

**Candle Lighting Hymn:** VU #494 Those Hearts That We Have Treasured RESIGNATION

## Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Above and below, before and after, you are with us.

**ALL: In front and behind, on every side, you stand with us.**

One: In the depths of our despair, the valley of every shadow.

**ALL: You remain present to our every need.**

One: In the face of societal prejudice and indifference.

**ALL: You comfort and sustain us for the journey ahead.**

One: Whether I run to the farthest shore or make my bed in Sheol.

**ALL: You are there, always, till the end of time.**

## Opening Prayer:

God of the deepening night, God of the cold mornings, strengthen the bonds of solidarity that we honour this day. Guide us to those who have been stigmatized, marginalized, and underserved for far too long. Show us their needs and equip us to respond faithfully and compassionately. Humble us when we forget the immense need we have for others, and redirect our attention to all our neighbours, not just those that look and speak like us. And always, reassure us of your wisdom and grace through all that we do, in your many names we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** VU #678 For the Healing of the Nations

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Children come forward during the singing of the last verse.*

**Children's Time:**

*Children leave for Sunday School*

Christina Lindsay (she/her)

**Scripture:** Hebrews 1: 1-9

Jan Hendry

**Musical Reflection:** When the Stars Fall  
Senior Choir

Stephen Hatfield

**\*Scripture:** Matthew 27: 11-14, 27-37

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Sermon:** "Holy Anarchy"

**\*Hymn:** VU #212 Eternal Christ, You Rule

THROCKMORTON

**Prayers of the People:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Prayer of Jesus:** (unison)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Musical Offering:** The Storm Is Passing Over  
Senior Choir; Lynda Kennedy, piano

Charles Albert Tindley

Have courage, my soul, and let us journey on.  
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.

The storm is passing over.  
The storm is passing over.  
The storm is passing over Hallelu.

Halleluia, Halleluia, Halleluia,  
The storm is passing over.  
The storm is passing over.  
The storm is passing over Hallelu.

## Gratitude

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

\***Hymn:** VU #30 Hail to God's Own Anointed

CRÜGER

## Blessing:

**The light of God surrounds us;  
The love of God enfolds us;  
The power of God protects us;  
The presence of God watches over us;  
Wherever we are, God is!**

## Sending Music:

Ave Verum Corpus

FSA Strings, Conductor: Igor Saika  
W. A. Mozart

**With grateful hearts we acknowledge  
the blessing of  
musical gifts shared with us  
by our FSA Strings:  
Violin I - Joanne Richardson, Pat Thornton  
Violin II - Doug Gordon, Natalie Lampman  
Cello - Igor Saika, Bruce Richardson**

### **The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:**

Welcoming Ushers: Annie Jannaway and Arlo Riddell  
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson  
Service Support: George Jolink  
Tech Team: Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Chris Wood and Allison Wyant  
Coffee & Conversation: Planning Committee  
Gift Card Table: Heather Vouvalidis and Winifred Wake

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.