



Sunday, May 19, 2024



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. This occurred while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. The disciples were filled with the Spirit and spoke in different languages. All the people there heard the message in their own language. It must have been an amazing sight to behold - the Spirit descending upon the disciples. That same Spirit is available to us, as Christians, to teach us and to empower us to continue the work of the disciples and of Christ. Pentecost Sunday is on May 19th, and the season of Pentecost lasts until Advent begins.

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 trans-
formed 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.

There are no Sunday School classes today. Packets are provided for the children at the back of the church. Please pick one up.

Pride Parade 2024. Come walk with P2P in the Pride Parade on **Sunday, June 2nd**! The parade begins at the **Legislative grounds/Memorial Park at 11 am**. More details will be released soon about where and when we will be meeting. Please sign up at the back of the church if you are attending.

Upcoming Services

Sunday, May 26 - Trinity Sunday.
Sunday, June 2 - Pride Sunday

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast 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.

Pentecost Communion

GATHERING MUSIC: *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart* (Morecambe) arr. Mark Hayes
Christ, be our host (Earth and all Stars) arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

Kathy Knowles

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Press, 2024*

In rushing wind and tongues of fire **the Church is born.**

In courage found and faith renewed **the Church gains strength.**

In visions seen and dreams made real **the Church blesses the world.**

In hopes rekindled and fears released **the Church leads the way.**

In rushing wind, and tongues of fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

HYMN: **VU195** *On Pentecost They Gathered*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU380** *She Comes Sailing*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Press, 2024*

Creator God, the Earth is full of your creatures.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created.

When you take away their breath, they return to Earth.

**Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One,
that we may sing and rejoice in your presence.**

**Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf,
that we may proclaim the glory of your world and help others
claim your many blessings.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* (words, Percy Dearmer; music, Harold Friedell)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,

For when humbly, in thy name,

Two or three are met together,

Thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluya! Alleluya!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather

In the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father

Break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluya! Alleluya!

So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living

Make as sacraments of thee,

That by caring, helping, giving,

We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:-1-21 read by
Martha Graham
This is the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU465** *Christ, Be Our Host* vs. 1, 2 & 3

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Communion Setting A VU932/933

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God most holy.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Eternal Creator ...
...and all your faithful friends in song together:
♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the high-
est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the high-
est.** ♪

Eternal God, we praise you ...
...We delight to proclaim:
♪ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will
come again.** ♪

At this time, we also remember ...
...With the words Jesus taught us, we now pray to
God,

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

God of Wisdom ...
...one God, forever and ever

♪ **Amen, amen, amen, amen.** ♪

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
**We give thanks that bread broken, brings
wholeness;
that wine poured out, replenishes;
that communion with the Risen Christ, Holy
Wisdom, and one another, is gift and grace.
Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU537** *Your Work, O
God, Needs Many Hands*
♪ **Your work, O God, needs many hands to
help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless
our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offer-
ing now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for
Jesus' sake.** ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV212** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*
♪ **Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready
now
To make the world the place in which the king-
dom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready
now
To make the world the place in which the king-
dom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and
pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will!** ♪

POSTLUDE: *O Holy Spirit, by whose breath* (Veni,
Creator Spiritus) arr. Wilbur Held

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

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, and our scripture
reader, Martha Graham. Thank you to our
guest conductor, Derek Morphy.

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Announcements

A big congratulations to Morna-June Morrow who was in Vancouver celebrating the 50th anniversary of Carl Orff Canada's Music for Children, Musique pour Enfants, the system of music taught in elementary schools. She wrote the 50th anniversary book of the organization which was launched at the conference and during the banquet she was given the title of Honorary Patron, as she has been strongly involved in all 50 years of Carl Orff Canada.

Remember in prayer Gladys Mildren, who is in the hospital.

Scripture Readings for next week:

Isaiah 6:1–8

Psalms 29

*Romans 8:12–17

John 3:1–17

* This reading is the preaching text

If anyone would like to attend the Canadian Bible Society Gala on May 29th, Rev. Karen Lumley has two free tickets to pass on. Dinner is at the Fort Gary Hotel.

Summer Services

- June 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 we worship with Westworth at Westworth United Church.
- August 4, 11, 18, 25 & September 1 Westworth worships with us at St. Andrew's United Church.

Community Announcement

Sisters of the Holy Rock

Date: June 1st

Time: 7pm

Place: St Vital Parish 1639 Pembina Hwy

Parking: Just behind St Maurice School

Entrance: School gym...blue door

Ticket price: 2/\$50 or \$30 each

Phone for tickets: (204) 284-0881

Coming Up...

MONDAY, MAY 20

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 2:30pm

Council meeting (board room) @

7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 24


Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @

5:30pm

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.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Rental—Alex Conway (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, MAY 27

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @

