

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Sunday, July 20, 2025



Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ 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, preaching to all the people there who 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 Christ. Pentecost was on June 8th, and the season of Pentecost lasts until November 30th, the first Sunday of Advent.

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 transformed 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.

A special welcome to Westworth United Church, who are worshipping with us for the next 2 Sundays as part of our partnership. In August and the first week of September, we worship with Westworth at their church.

It's summertime; dress casually and comfortably for church

Remember in Prayer

- Ardelia Burrow, who is in the hospital due to a fall.
- Joan Wilton and Robert Maxwell in the passing of Bernard Boland, a beloved husband and stepfather.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter 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.

Who Do You Say I Am?

GATHERING MUSIC: *Hymns of Adoration (Medley)* Phillip Keveren

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU357** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2012.*

We have come here today to worship the One who has saved us.

“You are the Messiah, Peter answered.

We praise your name. **“You are the Messiah, Peter answered.**

Our hope rests in you, Jesus. **“You are the Messiah, Peter answered.**

Jesus, you have called us to follow you. **“You are the Messiah, Peter answered.**

PASSING THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **MV133** *Jesus Laughed Out Loud*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2012.*

O God, your invitation is always open to us to live our lives in your presence by being disciples of Jesus. We confess to old ways of seeing, old patterns of being, that keep us from recognizing him as the way, the truth, and the life. Help us, that we not try in vain to accommodate him to our habits and routines and lifestyle; rather, help us to know the freedom and newness of life that comes by the accommodating of our thoughts, actions, and lifestyles to his. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:13-20 read by Kathy Wilson

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Sarah Schellenberg – *Steal Away* (arr. Harry T. Burleigh)

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home,

I ain't got long to stay here!

My Lord, calls me,

He calls me by the thunder;

The trumpet sound within a my soul;

I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away; steal away home

I ain't got long to stay here!

Green trees are bedding,

Poor sinner stands a trembling;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul,

I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away, steal away, steal a way to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

SERMON

HYMN: **VU341** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (Crusaders' Hymn) arr. Robert Hobby

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: **MV182** *Grateful* (refrain)

♪ **Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **MV214** *May God's Sheltering Wings*

♪ **May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Jesus, priceless treasure* (Jesu, meine Freude) J. S. Bach

Announcements

Packages for the children are available at the back of the church. You can ask the ushers and greeters if you did not receive them when you came in.

The recording of the Sunday morning services will take a summer break from Sunday, June 29, to September 7th. Thank you, Fred, for your faithful service of recording and editing all year long.

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, soloist, Sarah Schellenberg, and our scripture reader, Kathy Wilson.

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Announcements

During the month of July, the office works under reduced hours:
-Tuesdays 9am-12pm
-Wednesdays 9am-3pm
-Thursdays 9am-3pm
These are the hours the office will be physically open.

Walks on Tuesdays with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, JULY 21

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

MONDAY, JULY 28

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Rental—Jan van der Hooff (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Kyle Du Val (sanctuary) @ 9:30am

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (board room) @ 1:30pm

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Celebration Sunday

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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.

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Rental—RieSound (sanctuary) @ 6pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

ABC (lounge) @ 1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Rental—RieSound (sanctuary) @ 6pm

