



Sunday, July 27, 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 thank you to Westworth United Church, who have been worshipping with us this past month. As part of our partnership, in August we will worship with Westworth at their church.

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.

From August 1st to September 1st, Rev. Karen Lumley is on holiday. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Rev. Tricia Gerhard by phone or text at 431-294-3149; call Westworth at the church office 204-489-6974, or email at Westworth minister@westworth.ca

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.

Story of the Wise & Foolish Builders

GATHERING MUSIC: *Sonata (for Flute and Harpsichord)* Leonardo Vinci arr. Homer Whitford

WELCOME

WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

RECOGNITION OF THE LAND AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: *Called to be the Church, Discipleship Is Stewardship, 2021, adapted.*

Long before those of us who are settlers and those who are descendants of settlers came to this land, there were people here. Many Nations of people live-and still live-on the land we call Canada, given responsibility by the Creator to be stewards of this land and all that lives on it. We know these people as Indigenous, Metis and Inuit.

Today, as we remember what it means to love our neighbours, let us give thanks for the Indigenous peoples of this land, the Metis, and Inuit peoples. Let us give thanks and let us remember that we worship God on this historic and unceded territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Anisiniwew, and Dakota people and in the heart of the Metis Nation.

As Christ's people, let us be the people of Love, of Truth, and of Reconciliation.

HYMN: **VU561** *Take Up Your Cross*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Minister's Annual Manual, 2012, adapted.*

O Lord, we come to you seeking healing.

Great is your faithfulness.

O Lord, we come to you seeking our destiny.

Great is your faithfulness.

O Lord, we come to you seeking your love and mercy.

Great is your faithfulness.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU578** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Gathering, Resources for Worship Planners, Pentecost 1, 2025*

When we know our aims and goals are not what they could be,
we are called to come to God, in confession.

**We come seeking forgiveness, a greater awareness of God's grace,
and a new relationship with the Divine.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 7:24-27 read by Allan Mapes

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

SOLO: Fred Cross - *How Firm a Foundation*, Text: "K" in Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, Music: Early American Melody arr. Brenda Portman
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

SERMON

HYMN: **MV212** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Paraphrase*
Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, for-
give us.

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, Fred Cross, and our scripture reader, Allan Mapes.

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In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *As a fire is meant for burning* (Beach Spring) arr. Mark Hayes

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: *Marche de Procession* Alexandre Guilmant

Announcements

During the month of August, the office will be closed. Charlotte will still monitor her email periodically.

Announcements

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.

Congratulations to Audrey Belyea, who is turning 95 in August.

The transplant surgery for Karen and her brother-in-law, Greg, postponed in March is rescheduled for September 11th. The Worship Group and Rev. Karen Lumley are working on coverage for this time. Karen will be off 4 to 6 weeks. Remember her and her brother-in-law Greg in your prayers.

Coming Up...

MONDAY, JULY 28

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JULY 29

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

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

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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Kyle Du Val (sanctuary) @ 9:30am

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Sunday
CELEBRATION

*Sunday September 7,
255 Oak Street*

Outdoor Service: 1030

Lug a chair

BBQ: 11:30

*Individual Sundaes
(with all the toppings)*

Free

Menu

*Hotdogs
Chips
Drink*

Fun
For the whole family

Bouncies

Bring your friends