

Baptism, Confirmation & Communion

Sunday, May 24, 2026



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 29th, 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 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.

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Ilsa Buchholz, daughter of Mark and Sylvia Buchholz is being baptized.

We will also be celebrating confirmation. Welcome to our confirmands:

Micah Bennett
Ilsa Buchholz
Andrew Dolinsky
George-Anthony Shariff
Deanne Bennett
Tina Bennett

Today, children are in church for the service. Packages are available at the back of the church for the children.

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.

Pentecost

Sacrament of Baptism & Sacrament of Communion & Confirmation

GATHERING MUSIC: *The Lone, Wild Bird* (VU 384) arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2026, Pentecost Sunday, written by Mary Petrina Boyd.*

Listen! Do you hear a sound like the howling of a fierce wind?

Come, Holy Spirit!

Look! Can you see flames of fire?

Come, Holy Spirit!

Wait! Can you feel the power?

The Holy Spirit is here!

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

Sacrament of Baptism

(see booklet)

Ilsa Buchholz, daughter of Mark and Sylvia Buchholz

Hebrew Benediction **VU965**

**The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
the Lord make his face shine up on thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen**

Service of Confirmation

CONFIRMANDS:

Youth:

Micah Bennett

Ilsa Buchholz

Andrew Dolinsky

George-Anthony Shariff

Adults:

Deanne Bennett

Tina Bennett

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES: Ruth McKenzie, Chair of Worship

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

Response: **We will, God being our helper.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A NEW CREED
(VU918)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

-Chair of Council, Fred Cross

-Chair of Worship, Ruth McKenzie

-Minister, Rev. Karen Lumley

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

**O God, you have called us each by name,
and pledge to each of us your faithful love.**

We pray today for your blessing

on those who have been confirmed.

**Watch over them, guide as they continue to
grow in faith.**

**Remind us of the promises of our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.**

**Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you,
with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Bibles – Fred Cross (Chair of Council)

Certificate - Ruth McKenzie (Chair of Worship)

Candle - Rev. Karen Lumley

Flowers - Jan Demeduk (Christian Education)

BLESSING

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU381** *Spirit of Life*

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 2:1-13 read by Andrew Dolinsky

ANTHEM: *Go, and Be Light* (Valerie Kingsbury, text; Chris Bowman, music)

Go, and be light that shines through darkness.
Go, and share hope where none is found.
Go, and step out amidst uncertainty,
And strive for some common ground.

Go, and reach out your hands for healing.
Go, use your voice to speak of peace.
Go, and spread justice in your words and ways,
And may kindness through love increase.

Go, and be light!

Acts 2:14-21 read by George-Anthony Shariff
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU480** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

VU942/943 Communion Setting E
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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...

..faithful friends in song together:

(VU942) ♪ 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 highest.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest. ♪

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 readers, Andrew Dolinsky & George-Anthony Shariff.

Clergy	Rev. Karen Lumley	klumley@standrewsriverheights.com
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Eternal God...

...We delight to proclaim:

(VU943) ♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. ♪

At this time ...

...we now pray to God,

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

God of Wisdom ...

...forever and ever.

(VU943) ♪ 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: *Let us break bread together* arr. Wilbur Held

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE:

VU541 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures high and low;

give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit One. ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU424** *May the God of Hope, Go with Us vs.1*

♪ May the God of hope go with us every day,

filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope to every land and race.

POSTLUDE: *Toccata Perpetua* Lani Smith

Music note

Today's anthem is by musical collaborators Valerie Kingsbury and Chris Bowman from Truro, Nova Scotia. The choir offers it as a prayer for today's confirmands: that you go out into the world, and be the light, hope, and kindness we need in the world.

Announcements

Blue Jean Sunday School for children & youth for May & June. Dress casually to be outside, weather permitting.

Joan Stevenson has moved to Riverview Palliative Care. Remember her in your thoughts and prayers. She would love visitors.

Remember in prayer David Bergman and Lesley Rempel, who are in the hospital.

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, May 31st - Regional Council Sunday @ Westworth United Church
- Sunday, June 7th - PRIDE Sunday with Westworth joining us @ St. Andrew's River Heighted United church

Pride Sunday Parade on June 7th, for those who would like to participate in the parade and take turns carrying the banner, Charleswood United registered to be part of the parade, and we are all joining in. The Rally is @ 10AM, and the parade officially starts at 11:00 AM. Look for us at the park across from the Manitoba Legislature Building with all the other United Churches. If anyone needs a ride,

contact Rev. Karen Lumley or the church office, and we can pick you up at the church.

Name Tags are available from the office if you are new and need one. Just contact Charlotte in the church office by phone or email. If we all wear them, we can learn each other's names.

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Rental—Theresa Thordarson (sanctuary) @ 6:30pm

MONDAY, MAY 25

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Rental—Cynthia Booden (lounge) @ 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm
Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Rental—Marge Chomoway (lounge) @ 1pm
Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) 1:30pm

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Rental—Kelly Robinson (sanctuary) @ 6pm
P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

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.

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Rental—David Book club (lounge) @ 10am
Rental—Joy Cooper (sanctuary) @ 6pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Rental—Tuesday Royko (sanctuary) @ 8:30am
Rental—Jane Petroni (sanctuary) @ 4pm

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm
Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 6pm
Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Rental—Christelle Gregorchuk (sanctuary) @ 5pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

