



Sunday, June 14, 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 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.

Joyce Rich passed away Monday morning, June 8th. Remember her family in your prayers.

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

Upcoming Services

- Sunday, June 21st - National Indigenous Day of Prayer
- Sunday, June 28th – Worship with Westworth at Westworth United Church

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.

The Untold Story of Hagar

GATHERING MUSIC: *trinitas, first movement* - Eleanor Daley
"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters"

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: **VU264** *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annul, 2026, ed., by Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu.*

The God of ages past and days to come is here,

inviting us to worship and praise.

The God of promises and challenges is with us,

calling us to be faithful in service.

The God of boundless love is with us,

making every one of God's promises possible.

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN: **VU691** *Though Ancient Walls* vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, we confess that we have been unfaithful to you and unloving to those around us. When those in need have cried out for help, sometimes we have turned our backs upon them, and in doing so doing have shut the doors of our hearts to your love for them through us. Forgive us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 21:8-21 read by Rachel Tarrant

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

SOLO: Rachel Tarrant - *Be Near Me Still* (Alma Strettell, text; Ferdinand Hiller, music)

Lord, in my heart's love deep I hide Thee,

Be near me still!

Thou tower of strength, whatever betide me,

Be Thou with me.

Oh be my guard in life's bright places,

Lest pride prevail,

When fear of self-mistrust override me,

Be near me still!

Like dew upon the vine, Thy grace is,

I'm not alone,

But when I storm the heights,

Then guide me to do Thy will;

Be near me still!

O Thou my hope,
My power unshaken,
My soul's true sun,
Till earth's dark days shall be forsaken,
Be near me still!

SERMON

HYMN: **MV1** *Let Us Build a House*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
For all of life, **we give thanks.**

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *trinitas, second movement* - Eleanor Daley
"To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of life"

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.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *trinitas, third movement* - Eleanor Daley
"And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh"

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 soloist, Rachel Tarrant, who will also be reading scripture. Thank you to our guest organist, Linda Fearn.

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Announcements

Bob and Bev Barr celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 10th! A very happy anniversary to them!

From Thursday, June 18th until the end of July, the office will be closed. Charlotte will still monitor her email periodically.

From 26th to July 30th, 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

The recording of the Sunday morning services has taken a summer break from Sunday, June 28th, to September 6th. Thank you, Fred, for your faithful service of recording and editing all year long.

We will join Westworth for worship at Westworth United Church from June 28th until the end of July. Then they will join us for worship in August and the long weekend in September. We are truly grateful for our partnership.

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, JUNE 14

Rental—Cynthia Booden (lounge) @ 12:30pm

Rental—Nancy Nowosad (sanctuary) @ 6pm

MONDAY, JUNE 15

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Rental—Manitoba Choral Association (sanctuary) @ 7pm
Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Rental—Holly Harris (sanctuary) @ 5:45pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Rental—Kyle Du Val (sanctuary) @ 9am

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Rental—Erica Schultz (sanctuary) @ 2pm

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Rental—Highland Hoppers (auditorium) @ 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.

STEAM BOILER REPLACEMENT

Thank you so much to those who have responded so generously to the Boiler Replacement Financial Campaign.

For others, please consider how you can help to fund this urgent project. No contribution is too small; every dollar helps. Remember, our goal is to raise \$75,000 in donations from our congregation. Contributions can be made by cheque or e-transfer (contact Bill Craddock, our Church treasurer, for details). As well, pledges through PAR, spread over one year, would gratefully be accepted.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Rental—Graeme Leaver (sanctuary) @ 3pm

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

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

