

**Saint Andrew's Presbyterian
and
St. Paul's United
Ecumenical Shared Ministry**
May 24, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday



Welcome to
the Rev. Susan McAllister
leading us in worship today!

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Bulletin submissions:
Wednesday by Noon

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples.

This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude: 'Rhosymedre'

~ Willan

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Introit:

***Holy Spirit, hear us, help us while we sing;
breathe into the music of the praise we bring.***

***Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;
light its holy pages with the truth we need.***

***Holy Spirit, prompt us when we bow to pray;
speak within and teach us what we ought to say.***

***Holy Spirit, help us daily by your might,
what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.***

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and transform our thoughts and actions.

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with your wisdom.

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
**and refresh our commitment to serve
in repentance, love and renewal.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
as we worship and witness to God's love.

Hymn:

'Breathe On Me Breath of God'

VU #382

***Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.***

***Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.***

***Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.***

***Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.***

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Understanding: (Unison)

God of Wisdom, send your Spirit to give us fresh understanding of your Word in Scripture. Inspire us to respond with renewed commitment to follow Christ Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

The Scriptures:

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b -13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Response (All): Thanks be to God for the gifts of the Spirit and these words of wisdom.

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Response (All): Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Anthem: ‘Simple Gifts’

~ arr. Schweizer

Message: ‘Wasn’t That A Party!’

Music for Reflection

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

Invitation to the Offering (worship leader)

Doxology

‘Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow’
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low,
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One.**

VU # 541

Prayer of Dedication: (Unison)

Eternal and ever-present God, we offer these gifts in thanksgiving for the work of Christ in our lives. Bless them and us with the power of the Spirit, using our gifts for the work of reconciliation Christ has given us to do in the world you love. Amen.

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

Communion Hymn:

'As We Gather at Your Table'

VU#457

***As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.***

***Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.***

***Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.***

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Turn to God, the source of life.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love ...

And so it is that on this feast of Pentecost,
We give you praise and thanks for your many gifts,
joining with all your people that as one body we may proclaim your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
Power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

As we gather at this table,

We remember ...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim.

Christ's resurrection we declare.

Christ's coming we await.

Glory be to you, O God.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
And upon this offering of your church ...

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, and in the power of your life-giving Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The bread which we break is our communion in the body of Christ.
The cup of blessing which we bless is our communion in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are now ready.

The Bread of Life. The Cup of Blessing.

Prayer After Communion¹: (Unison)

Spirit of Life, we thank you for feeding us at this table. We are grateful that Jesus set before us this table of grace. Grant that what we have received may find a home deep in our hearts. May the joy of your salvation flow forth from us and be good news for the world. We pray for the day when the whole earth knows your justice, your peace, and your love, until all the earth sings "Holy, holy, holy, blessed is the living God, now and forevermore." Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer: (Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE WAY

Hymn:

'On Pentecost They Gathered'

VU#195

***On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.***

*The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Jesus Christ they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: 'Prelude and Fugue in G minor'

~ Willan

1. Written by Dianne Astle, Carman United Church, Chilliwack BC. Gathering, Lent/Easter/Pentecost 2012, page 45.
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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME EVERYONE!

May this service be a blessing to you
as we continue to worship together each week, in person and online.

Thank you to our Volunteers today:

Greeters - Mary Stickles, Muriel Aiken

Scripture Readers - Kendall Wright, Vee Mariner

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Beth and Shawn Meister

Counters – Jean and Al Boudreau / ***Tellers*** - Carole Peacock, Gail Simmons

Refreshment & Fellowship Hosts: Volunteers are needed for next Sunday, May 31. The sign-up sheet is on the Hall entry bulletin board, and so far only 1 week in June is taken. Thanks for helping out!

The Ladies Group Spring Rummage Sale takes place at the end of this week!

Friday, May 29 from 3-7 p.m. & Saturday, May 30, from 9 am – Noon.

You may drop off any saleable items to the Hall this week during office hours:

(Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.) or by arrangement with the Ladies Group.

Your unique and interesting donated items make this sale a success!

Thanks for your support!

It's Grad Season! If you know anyone who will be graduating from high school, community college, university or another educational institution in 2026, you may submit their name and the details of their achievement to Saint Andrew's office. We would like to honour them!

Work as a Summer Tour Guide! Do you love history and enjoy meeting new people? Christ Church Cathedral is hiring two part-time guides to provide tours in French and English to tourists and local folk. The positions are open to adults or youth 16+, and is not restricted by religious affiliation. Interested candidates should apply immediately. See more details at: www.christchurchcathedral.com

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs:

The Pantry: *liquid cleaner, dish detergent, facial tissue, cookies, tetra juice boxes, salt, miracle whip, toothbrushes.*

Breakfast 2 Go: *Canned meat and fish; Cheez Whiz; peanut butter; instant coffee; nutritional drinks; individual cereal boxes; TP.*

All donations are greatly appreciated!

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Tuesdays ~ Ladies Group, in the Hall, 9:30 am ~ All are welcome!

Tuesday and Thursday ~ Quilting Group, Ladies' Parlour, 1- 4 pm ~ All are welcome!

Wednesdays ~ Pantry Program, in the Basement, 9 -11 am.

Thursdays ~ Bible Study, in the Minister's Study, 6-7 pm ~ All are welcome!

Fridays ~ Breakfast 2 Go, in the Hall entrance, 8:30 - 10 am.

Parking Reminder

There are two parking spots in our lot designated '24/7' for the Shared Ministry, clearly identified as *Minister* and *Organist only*.

There is one spot in our lot for those displaying disability permits and several along Charlotte Street directly in front of the church.

As parking in our lot and along Charlotte Street is somewhat limited, **extra parking is available for Sunday service only** at Bright Minds Early Learning Centre, 486 Needham Street, a 2 minute walk out Carleton Street, just West of the Church.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Can't get to church for Sunday Service? We can come to you!

Join us via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287> Passcode: 2023