



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



May 26, 2024.

1st after Pentecost

Our Mission Statement

“St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian community of faith that shares Christ's love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.”



“God's Splendor”

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Sunday Worship Service

May 26, 2024

Worship Leader: Mr. Wendell Gregan, DLM

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Ann Brown & Ron Carter

Pentecost 1 – Trinity Sunday

The church is Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is poured out upon us and sends us out together. Aflame with new life, inheritors of the wealth of God. Life abundant, we are liberated from the prisons of pettiness, jealousy, and greed, liberated to be the church. *A Weems*

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

Greeting/Welcome

*Hymn of Praise: VU #378, vs. 1 “Spirit of God”

Life and Works of the Church – *Judy Bowman*

Lighting the Christ Candle: *Linda McKinnon*

We light this candle as a symbol of the presences of Christ, known to us through the stories we share, experienced by us through the gathered community, and present to us through the Spirit that is in our midst. (candle is lit)

*Call to Worship: (responsive) *Wendell Gregan, Wayne & Liz Mullin*

VU #315, vs. 1, 3 & 4 after each reading as indicated)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

L: Welcome to the Trinity Sunday, the beginning of the Season after Pentecost, a season for us to experience God’s power and majesty and to proclaim God’s love in witness and action in the world.

One: *Come stand before God, who comes to us as creator, heavenly parent, holy and mighty one.*

Two: Come stand in the presence of God and sense God’s mystery and creative power in our world. Come and proclaim, “Holy, Holy, Holy God!”

(All sing VU #315, vs. 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy” as the first candle is lit)

One: *come stand before God, who comes to us as Jesus, redeemer, friend, Saviour. Come and learn of Gods' free gifts of forgiveness, healing and grace. Come and proclaim, "Holy, Holy, Holy God!"* (All sing VU #315, vs. 3, "Holy, Holy, Holy" as the second candle is lit)

Two: Come and stand before God, who comes to us as Holy Spirit, sanctifier, comforter. Come and receive the promise of new, strong hearts and hands to do Gods' work in the world. Come and proclaim, "Holy, Holy, Holy God!" (All sing VU #315 vs. 4, "Holy, Holy, Holy," as the third candle is lit)

L: Come let us worship God who breaks into our lives as the holy living three-in-one.

Gathering Prayer: (Unison)

Loving, Gracious, and Surprising Spirit, gather us together. Unify our hearts, minds, and spirits. Send us reminders of your presence so that we never forget to notice. Come to us in a friendly voice that we will recognize. Sing us songs that we know well and others for which the melody is catchy and new. Open our spirits as we journey the well-trodden paths so that we may discover you again as if for the first time. Your love gathers us together, helps relieve us in our grief, our guilt, and our loneliness. Help us to navigate the way forward and to listen for your call. Make this day and this gathering a new beginning for us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn of Praise: VU #264, "Immortal, Invisible"

Let us join in this Litany of Faith: (Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbour, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the water of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples of Christ as Lord and Saviour, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the

Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Sun, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem: Bread of Life

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Jennifer Walker*

Great Gardener, you plant seeds of understanding, so that we might discern your wisdom. You plant seeds of interpretation so that we might receive your ancient stories and recognize your vision of new possibilities. Help us to be the water bearers, so that the soil of truth and wisdom is not scorched. We offer this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

We Hear the Word

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

The Message:

We Respond to the Word

Hymn of Praise: VU 341, "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Birthday Box for WDR (*sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering for April & May*)

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;
May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.
These gifts we now share, to show that we care
for all of God's children, here and everywhere.**

Offering Invitation

God has given to us – beyond our imagining.
We have received new life and new hope.
Let us then respond as is right.
Let us offer our gifts and ourselves in service
of God's mercy and grace.
Let us join together in our morning offering.

Offering Received.

*Offertory Choral Response: VU # 539

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

*Offertory Prayer:

**Loving and gracious God, we give you these gifts in the hope
that through them your kingdom might be glimpsed, by those
gathered here, and also by others. Through these gifts, you have
our commitment to live as your people. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Follow in the insert in your bulletin)

***Communion Hymn:** VU # 480, "Let Us Break Bread Together" vs. 1
& 2

Ministers Words

Sending Forth

*Benediction:

Choral Blessing: (Tune – VU 581)

**Shalom to you now.
Shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies.
Bless you, my friends.
In all your living
And through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom,
Christ be your Shalom.**

Musical Postlude

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**► Bible Readings for this week:
John 3: 1-17**

Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Clarence Harris and Family on the death of his son, Jeffrey Harris of Ontario.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Colleen Sullivan**, a donation to the Miramichi Food Bank has been received from Helen Jones.

Worship:

1. **Welcome everyone who is worshipping today with us.**

2. **Worship Volunteers:**

- **Greeters: June 2** – Shirley MacDonald & Ferne MacLean /
June 9 – Muriel Lamkey & Dawn MacDonald
- **Sound System: May 26** – Ernie MacLean/
June 2 – Paul Rose/**June 9** – Brian Savoy
- **PowerPoint: May 26** – Nathan Robichaud/
June 2 – Karen Rose/**June 9** – Mary Reynolds

-**Offering Collectors: May 26** -

- **Offering Counters: May 26**– Betty MacDiarmid & Cynthia Duplessie/**June 2** – Karen Rose & Carol Johnston/
June 9 – Dennis & Judy Morrison

3. **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, May 19 th	\$ 685.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,287.23</u>
Total for Week of May 19th	\$ 1,972.23

Regional & General Council News:

1. **Regional Council Annual Meeting:**

Regional Council Meeting are taking place in PEI from Friday, May 31st till Sunday, June 2nd.

This Week:

1. **Church Office hours:**

Monday – 9-4; Tuesday 9-4; Wednesday 12-5; Thursday 9-4 and Friday 9-4

2. Sunday, May 26th – Sacrament of Communion with Wendell Gregan, DLM

- Birthday Box for WDR

3. Monday, May 27th - 10:30 a.m. – Church Council meeting

4. Monday, May 27th – 1:30 p.m. – Exercise Class here at St. Andrew's. People are invited to wear their comfy clothes and bring a pillow for your feet if you so choose.

5. Tuesday, May 28th – 1:30 p.m. – General UCW meeting

Upcoming Week:

1. Please consider offering a few non-perishable food items for the Miramichi Food Bank next Sunday, June 2nd. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

2. Hymn Sing next Sunday, June 2nd at 10:50 a.m. Have your voices warmed up and your hymns selected.

Fundraising:

1. Tickets are on sale for our Gift Card Baskets Fundraiser.

1st Prize \$1200 in gift cards; 2nd price \$300 in gift cards; 3rd Prize \$200 in gift cards. Tickets are 3/\$5; 7/\$10; 15/\$20. Tickets can be picked up from the church office to sell or purchase.

Community Events:

1. St. James & St. John United Church is hosting a yard sale at the United Church Centre, 556 King George Hwy., on Saturday, June 15th, from 8 – 12 PM. Come and check out what treasures maybe waiting for you!

Pastoral Care:

Rev Alice Szemok will cover for any pastoral care during this time.

If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.



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