

Pentecost

Sunday June 9, 2019



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Gathering to serve God & neighbour
in this community since 1817
We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands
of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Preludes We now implore God the Holy Ghost Scheidemann
Come, O creator spirit blest Walther
Come, O creator spirit blest J.S. Bach

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Hymn Ye gates, ye doors #13

Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer

Introit Veni creator spiritus arr. Healey Willan

Greetings & Announcements

Hymn Spirit of the living God #400

Children's Time One Spirt, One Church, One Humanity
Aeja S. Cheng S. Comfort A.
Philippe G. Susanne C.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-42 Nancy H.

Anthem I was glad when they said unto me Keith Bissell

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn In your pentecostal power #279

Sermon "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Fantasie prelude on "veni creator" Dennis Eliot

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn Revive your work, O Lord #284

Benediction

Postlude Solemn procession William Lloyd Webber

If you wish to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-42

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 nation 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: ‘Men of Judea 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 ... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by

the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power ...

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

*He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.*

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear ... Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘**Brothers, what should we do?**’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

This is the day of Pentecost or Whitsunday when we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples (Acts 2). The first **Prelude** is by German composer Heinrich Scheidemann (1596-1663) who based it on the chorale *Nun Bitten Wir* which first appeared in 1524. The second and third **Preludes**, by J.S. Bach and his cousin Johann Gottfried Walther, are based on a chorale which appeared shortly afterward, in 1535. Martin Luther wrote the words and the chorale was known as

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist and based on the 9th century plainsong tune *Veni Creator Spiritus*. In 1848 the plainsong tune was changed slightly and appeared in one of the Mechlin Books from Belgium. John Cosin (1594-1672) translated the original Latin text into English and we hear it as the **Introit** with an arrangement by Healey Willan.

Unlike the rest of the music, the Anthem, Offertory and Postlude are quite modern. The **Anthem** is by Canadian composer Keith Bissell (1912-1992). With texts from Psalms 122 and 135, it was composed in 1959 to celebrate the anniversary of a Toronto church. Bissell was one of the most important music educators in Canada and was responsible for bringing the Orff method of teaching music from Germany to North America, making use of his own compositions and local folk music. The **Offertory** is again based on the *Veni Creator Spiritus* tune (the Mechlin version) and contemporary American composer Dennis Eliot presents an air of mystery surrounding the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The service ends with a piece written by William Lloyd Webber, the father of the famous composer of musicals, Andrew Lloyd Webber. William was born in 1914, the son of a plumber who loved to hear organ music. He would take young William with him to organ concerts which inspired him to start organ lessons. By age 14, William was a well-known organ recitalist and was studying with some of the great teachers of the time including Ralph Vaughan Williams. Critics have described William Lloyd Weber as having a “remarkable melodic gift, and the melodies allied with surprisingly ‘purple’ harmonies”. The **Postlude** is one of a series of organ pieces for the church. “Solemn Procession” seems to work well in ending the service today. We hear tongues of fire at the beginning and the music drifts into a stirring hymn tune. I can’t help but think of those wonderful words sometimes heard as a Dismissal: “Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

A warm welcome to all this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. During this service, there is a nursery offered for infants, hosted by

certified care Tran Thao Dinh, and a program for children led by Laura Tyner-Clement—please speak to an usher for information if interested. Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the Audio Booth.

Prayer Partnership

If you would like to have a time of personal prayer after the service, you are invited to meet a member of the prayer team at the pillar just to the right of the pulpit. Prayer team members are Dorothy M. David S. Dennis T. and Barb Z. If you have or know of any prayer requests that can be shared, please pass them on to one of the team members.

Congregational Meeting Today

Immediately following today's service in St. Andrew's Hall we meet to receive the audited financial statements, and also an update on work needed on the roof and water infiltration in the tower.

Sunday Perspectives

This evening 7 p.m. An opportunity to see a recent release, and have a brief discussion afterwards in the cinema (The Screening Room). This month, The Biggest Little Farm, a documentary that celebrates our interconnectedness within creation.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Slides of Guatemala

Next Sunday June 16 after the service, Comfort will speak about her recent tour with Youth in Mission to Church partners in Guatemala.

Special Meals

Next Sunday June 16, the St. Andrew's Team #2, will prepare the community meal served at 5:15. If you would be able to assist, please speak to Larry M.

The Women's Missionary Society

Monday, June 17, noon. An end of year pot luck lunch. All welcome! Speak to Helen L. for details and location.

Morning Bible Study

Thursday June 20, 10 a.m. We conclude our journey with Joseph. Join the Minister in the Polson Davis Room – no prior biblical knowledge necessary.

Outdoor Service

Sunday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. With chairs set up under the trees on the lawn, we join in God's praise. Followed by a congregational BBQ – come one, come all!

Queens student staying in Kingston this summer

Lauren T. is looking for work over the summer (Babysitter, Tutor (all subjects grade levels 1 - 8, English 1 -12), Senior citizen visitor, Pet walker, or help with yard work and odd jobs). You can speak with her Sunday mornings or email 171gt@queensu.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Interfaith Refugee Partnership

St. Andrew's is currently an Associate Member of the IFRP but is in need of a representative on the board. Thirty eight individual refugees have been welcomed into our Kingston community - to sponsor more, there is a need for individuals who are able to assist with arranging medical care and settlement into educational opportunities. Please speak to Andrew if you would like to hear more.

Ushers This morning

June 16

Elaine & Pat Karen & David

Myrna A. John S. Joan B. Holly T

The flowers this morning are placed by Joan, given in remembrance of our parents and the love they showed us.

Offering Update Monthly Givings

May 2019

Budgeted Received

\$94,828 \$95,265

Amounts represent only the Offerings portion of our budget that forecasts an overall deficit of \$16,373. Meeting the Offerings budget may still result in a year-end deficit. A summary of Revenues and Expenses will be distributed quarterly.

Presbyterians Sharing brings hope to children in Romania



Brothers Kevin and Ionut live in rural Romania. When their mom died, their father, unemployed and devastated by his wife's death, felt that there was no other option but to put his boys into a state-run

orphanage. A local minister approached Csilla Bertalan, the Director of Samuel House, asking her to help the boys. Samuel House is a Christian social ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania that receives support from Presbyterians Sharing. 36 children from struggling families, some at risk of being put into orphanages, are cared for in a loving and stable environment. Education is key and the tutors of the after-school program ensure the children will succeed. Csilla shares, "We are grateful to God who sends us generous supporters such as the PCC, who are thinking of and caring for the kids that live and study with us."

This year, through offerings designated "Mission," members of St. Andrew's Kingston have a goal of contributing \$25,000 to the work of Christ through Presbyterians Sharing.

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