

Benediction

Choral Response #726 May the God of hope go with us every day
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: Rigaudon by A. Campra

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 am—11:30 am
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: CNT (dinner)	5:00—7:00 pm

We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Marcus Cawthra
Greeter:	Bill & Margret Hunter
Beadle:	Brenda Holm
Sunday School leader:	Wendy Seunath
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter, Dylan Smith & Jacob Marsh

Some important upcoming events

May 24: Pentecost Party
Jun 7: The Sacrament of Holy Communion
July 5: Summer Worship Experience begins
Sep 6: Regular worship begins again at St. Andrew's
Oct 4: World Day of Communion
Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction

Mission Moment: May 17

We are called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we can on our own.



Pentecost Party—Sunday, May 24, 2026



Why are we having a Pentecost Party this year? Back in the fall the Sunday School story was "How the Church Tells Time." One of the three most important times in this "clock" is Pentecost. The Sunday School children wanted to know why we didn't celebrate Pentecost like we do Christmas and Easter. So at the end of the service, the children brought this clock into the sanctuary and asked Scott to explain why we didn't celebrate it. The answer was that we really should be celebrating Pentecost. We thank our children for asking this important question and for helping us to start a new celebration in our church.

Please join us on Sunday, May 24 for a Pentecost Party. Our service will help us learn about Pentecost and afterwards we will enjoy a coffee/tea fellowship together.

In the spirit of Pentecost, if you have any orange or red articles of clothing please wear them to church. Red & orange represents the flames of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church May 17, 2026 Ascension Sunday

WWW
The Three W's of a
Successful Church!

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Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Praise and Thanksgiving by T. Gieschen

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Let us be joyful before God!

P: We will sing praises to God's holy name.

L: Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

P: who protects orphans and widows and gives the desolate a home.

L: Sing to God, all nations of the earth.

P: We will sing praises to the Lord, our God

Hymn #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come
and take the faithful up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall
sound: rejoice.

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Opening Prayer

L: God of life, we praise you for your love which fills creation from the
beginning and which calls all life into being. We worship you for
Christ who reveals your loving purpose for all people. We bless you
for your Spirit who guides and inspires us and who draws us into the
circle of your tender love. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

L: Let God rise up;

**P: let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before
him.**

L: As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;

P: as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

L: But let the righteous be joyful;

P: let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

L: Sing to God; sing praises to his name;

**P: lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is
the LORD—be exultant before him.**

L: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy
habitation.

**P: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners
to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

L: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched
through the wilderness,

**P: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence
of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored**

your heritage when it languished;

L: your flock found a dwelling in it;

P: in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

L: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

P: sing praises to the Lord,

L: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

P: listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

L: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power
is in the skies.

**P: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power
and strength to his people.**

L: Blessed be God!

Gospel: John 17:1-11 Read by Laurina Chopping-Clarke

New Testament: Acts 1:6-14

³After his suffering [Jesus] presented himself alive to them by many
convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking
about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them
not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father.
“This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with
water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from
now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the
time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not
for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own
authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come
upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they
were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their
sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has
been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you
saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,
which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had
entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were
staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the
Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting
themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the
mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hymn #645 Follow me, the Master said

1. “Follow me,” the Master said: we will follow Jesus.

By his word and Spirit led, we will follow Jesus.

Still for us he lives to plead, at the throne will intercede,
offers help in time of need; we will follow Jesus.

2. Should the world and sin oppose, we will follow Jesus.
He is greater than our foes; we will follow Jesus.
On his promise we depend; he will hear us and defend,
help and keep us to the end; we will follow Jesus.

3. Though the way may dark appear, we will follow Jesus.
He will make our pathway clear; we will follow Jesus.
In our daily round of care, as we plead with God in prayer,
with the cross which we must bear, we will follow Jesus.

4. Ever keep that end in view; we will follow Jesus.
All his promises are true; we will follow Jesus.
When this earthly course is run, and the Master says, “Well done!”
life eternal we have won; we will follow Jesus.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Prayer by Beethoven

Sermon: The Three W's of a Successful Church

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer
(... *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*)

Hymn #274 Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod, crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high; Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations Holy cry in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres in majesty sublime.
All hail. Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!

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