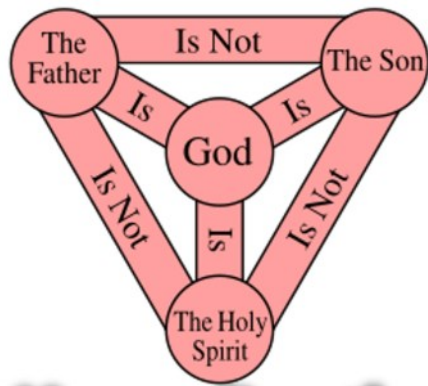


Next Week's Sermon:



Unraveling the Trinity

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Circle	1:00 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 am—11:30 am
Tuesday: Women's Circle	1:30 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	noon—2:00 pm

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Carol Johnston
Greeter:	Joanne Waugh
Beadle:	Jean Godin
Sunday School leader:	Alexis Smith
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 24

Yemen has been devastated by over a decade of conflict, disrupting food systems and causing hunger. Yahya, a father of four with a disability that makes walking difficult, worries about his malnourished daughter. "We strive to obtain food, but the situation remains tough," he shares. "When you entered our village with the food basket distribution, it changed my life significantly. Thanks to your support, my situation began to improve. I was able to save some money through the food basket and decided to buy a water tank. This step was important for my family, as we finally have clean water." PWS&D works together with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partners to deliver vital food assistance to families like Yahya's who are facing worsening food insecurity.



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.

Today we are finally celebrating this Pentecost Party. Our service will help us learn about Pentecost and afterwards we will enjoy a coffee/tea fellowship together. Please plan to stay and come downstairs after the service.

Thank you to everyone who wore orange or red articles of clothing to celebrate. Red and orange represent the flames of Pentecost.

Pentecost (also called Whit Sunday, Whitsunday or Whitsun) is a Christian holiday that takes place on the 49th day (50th day when inclusive counting is used) after Easter. The name of the festival means fiftieth. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus, Mary, and other followers of Christ, while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). Pentecost marks the "Birthday of the Church"



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026

Pentecost



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church
73 Queen Street East,
Cambridge, ON
N3C 2A9
519-658-2652

Rev. Scott McAndless: smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca
Joni Smith: jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca
Email: office@standrewshespeler.ca
Prayer Requests: prayerchain@standrewshespeler.ca
Clerk of Session: st.a.hespeler.cos@gmail.com
Website: www.standrewshespeler.ca
Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

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: Now we Pray the Holy Ghost by D. Buxtehude
Welcome
Call to worship
L: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
P: and transform our thoughts and actions.
L: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
P: and fill us with your wisdom.
L: Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
P: and refresh our commitment to serve in repentance, love and renewal.
L: Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
P: as we worship and witness to God's love.

Hymn #384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us;
revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

4. O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us,
so we may speak your word aright;
kindle the flame of love among us;
equip your church to spread the light.

Words: v.4, copyright © The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1997

Opening Prayer

L: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, your energy moves in us and through us to face each new day. You are as close to us as our breath, giving us life. You refresh us like the breeze on a warm afternoon, lending us strength. You challenge us like a strong wind, rousing our attention. Shift our awareness to the wonder of your mystery, wisdom, grace and creation and direct our hearts to the warmth of Christ's love. To you, O God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and Holy Spirit we offer our prayers and praise in love and faith. Bring us together, united in worship and witness by your grace and power.

Amen.

Laying Down Our Burdens

Bible: Genesis 2:4b-9

^{4b} When the Lord God made the universe, ⁵ there were no plants on the earth and no seeds had sprouted, because he had not sent any rain, and there was no one to cultivate the land; ⁶ but water would come up from beneath the surface and water the ground.

⁷ Then the Lord God took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it; he breathed life-giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live.

The Spirit is like breath

Hymn #398 When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul

1. When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the shepherd, I sing. (2x)
I sing, I sing, like David the shepherd, I sing. (2x)

2. When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the sinner, I pray. (2x)

I pray, I pray, like David the sinner, I pray. (2x)

3. When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like Miriam the prophet, I dance. (2x)

I dance, I dance, like Miriam the prophet, I dance. (2x)

4. When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the poet, I praise. (2x)

praise, I praise, like David the poet, I praise. (2x)

Words: copyright © Mennonite World Conference, 1990 from International Songbook 1990

Bible: Genesis 1:1-2

¹ When God began creating the universe, ² the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God* was moving over the water.

*the Spirit of God; or the power of God; or a wind from God; or an awesome wind.

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ humility, and self-control. There is no law against such things as these.

The Spirit is like wind

Hymn #399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.*

1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the aeons you called to each thing:

wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. *Refrain*

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes;
with bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Words: copyright © James K Manley; translation, copyright © Andrew Donaldson, 1995

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Come Holy Ghost by A. Armsdorf

The Pentecost Story Act 2:1-13 Read by Laurna Chopping Clarke

The fire that came down

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

Hymn #395 Fire of God, O sacred flame (To tune #147)

1. Fire of God, O sacred flame, Spirit who in splendour came,
let your heat my soul refine till it glows with love divine.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Breath of God, that swept in power in the pentecostal hour,
holy breath, be now in me source of vital energy.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Strength of God, your might within conquers sorrow, pain, and sin:
fortify from evil's art all the gateways of my heart.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. Truth of God, your piercing rays penetrate my secret ways.
May the light that shames my sin guide me, holier paths to win.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

5. Love of God, your grace profound neither ages, nor is bound;
Come, my heart's own guest to be, dwell forevermore in me.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Words: public domain remix

Happy Birthday Church!

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: Come, O Creator Spirit Blest by J.S. Bach

The **Women in the Bible** study has finally come to an end after **40 sessions** (and the biblical stories of even more women)!

But we will continue to study together in coming weeks and in the fall.

The new topic of our studies will be **History, Archeology and the Bible** and it will be fascinating.

Our next study **a week from Wednesday** (June 3) will look at the great battle of the Sea of Reeds.