

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Pentecost: the Holy Spirit moving among us



The Holy Spirit comes among us, gathers and transforms us, and then sends us out into the world to faithfully live and serve God.

The Holy Spirit came upon God's people in what we celebrate as the Feast of Pentecost to gather, transform, and send them out into the world as people empowered to proclaim the good news of Jesus and to live faithfully to God.

These primary tasks of the Holy Spirit (gather, transform, send) then become our primary tasks as the Church, as the body of Christ, as us gathered at St. Andrew's, to continually embrace the movement of the Spirit among us and celebrate the rebirth and new life offered to us through our community and common life in Christ.

- **What do each of these words (gather, transform, send) mean to you?**
- **How are we doing these tasks now?**
- **How may we deepen your experience or better meet your needs in each of these areas?**

GATHER

Invite ... Greet ... Orient ... Incorporate

Addresses these questions: How do we assist God in inviting and receiving people into the life of Christ's body? How do we continue to do this work throughout the various stages of your lives in Christ in our parish? What brought you here? What keeps you

here?

Our "GATHER" ministries

As this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom.

(Early Eucharistic prayer found in the Didache, c. 100AD)

TRANSFORM

Congregational life, life lived with others in Christ, is the place where we are baptized, fed and renewed to become the people whose presence the world needs. The transformation process is not just the programs and liturgies we offer. It is an organic web of what we do, how we are with each other, and how our physical space supports our process of being shaped into the people God created.

Our "TRANSFORM" ministries

Our Children & Youth Spiritual & Faith Formation

Our Adult Spiritual & Faith Formation

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26)

SEND

**us out to do the work you have given us to do in
Family life ... Work life ... Society & Civic ... Church life**

God sends us into the world over and over again to be God's own loving presence in a world in need of transformation. The first place that God sends us is into the relationships, communities, roles and occupations we already find ourselves in.

Our "SEND" ministries

*Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord.
Post-Communion Prayer, The Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church*



**Contemplative Eucharist
Julian of Norwich
Saturday evening 5 p.m.
with reception following**

The Holy Spirit doesn't always show up in a rush of wind and noisy conversation- often the Spirit shows up in a still small voice that we can only hear when we quiet our hearts and souls. Come and listen for and experience God in a meditative service. It promises to be deep and moving-- and we get to eat crepes afterwards! Come one and all!



**Preparing for Sunday
8 and 10 a.m.
Feast of Pentecost**

This is a major feast day of the church, one where we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit which continues to shape our individual lives and fuels the mission of our church.

Wear red to indicate the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

If you know a foreign language, come prepared to read the lesson from Acts in that language, so we can get that sense of different languages spoken all at the same time as is reported in the Pentecost account.

Here's a link to a document with common translations.

To read the lessons in advance, please **click here.**

To engage in lectio divina on the texts, please **click here.**

To read Mother Pat's sermon from last week, please **click here.**

Worship Ministers

8 am

Crucifer: Stan Leach

Celebrant & Preacher: Mother Barbara

Eucharistic Minister: Bill Gawors

Lector: Ivy Kraker
Verger: Mike Stitt

10 am

Acolytes: Alexander Smeltz, Jonathan Luo, Sarah Brooks

Altar Guild: Kathy Varner, Kathy Magaro, Jane Offner, Roseann Sysko

Banner Bearers: Neiley O'Donnell, Shannon O'Donnell

Celebrant & Preacher: Mother Barbara

Assisting Priests: Mother Patricia Dickson, Father Patrick Pierce

Coffee Hour: Sunday School Classes

Counters: Ken Dotson, Dave Hutton

Eucharistic Ministers: Matthew Briggs, Zachary Rhodes

Greeters: Mary Beth Williams, Thomas Williams

Lectors: Alexander Smeltz, Julianna Swab

Organist & Choir Director: Jerry Weale

Thurifer: James Williams

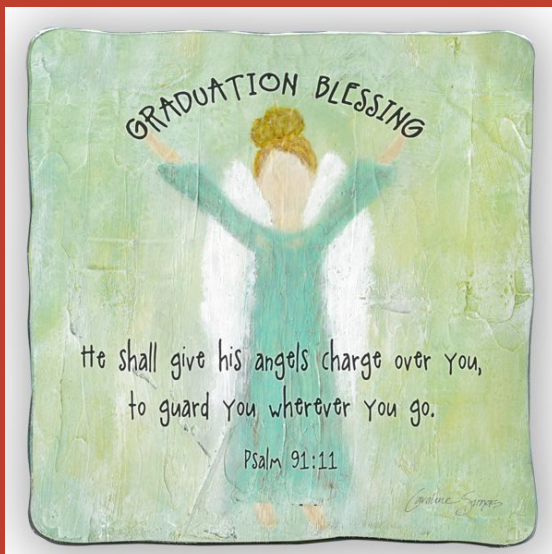
Youth Choir Director: Lisa Turchi

Adult and Youth Instrumentalists: Connor Briggs, Matthew Briggs, Shannon O'Donnell, Alexander Smeltz, James Williams

Verger: Mike Stitt

Children & Youth Celebration

The Spirit moves among us often through the voices and lives of our children. We celebrate their presence with us in many ways on Sunday, but particularly in the many different ministries they will engage with during our 10 a.m. service. How blessed we are with their presence!



Celebrating our Graduating High School Seniors

We rejoice in the accomplishments and graduation of our two high school seniors.

Anne Romine
Eliza Morehouse

May God's blessings be upon you now and forever -
With love to you from your parish family --

Youth Mini-Mission Event

Unless we get rained out, our young people will come together in community, have fun, and enjoy the outdoors as a wonderful way to end this year of Youth Mini-Mission Events.



Our Bishop's Blog

"The best part, though, is having a colleague group of about 30 new bishops with whom to pray, discuss, argue, walk, laugh and cry. It is an intense week. A blessed week."

To read more, please [click here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come The Most Rev. Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Watch and listen here to a video by our Presiding Bishop on the value of persistent prayer, so that God's Kingdom can come in our lifetime.

Presiding Bishop Curry will also preach at the royal wedding tomorrow. Be ready to hear something powerful!



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