

General Church Office Hours:
Mon. – Thurs. 10am – 2pm
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Land Acknowledgment

*"We acknowledge we are on the traditional,
unceded territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation
and the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples."*

Our Mission Statement:
St. John's proclaims Christ in
welcoming fellowship
uplifting worship
and compassionate service

Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings.
Services live on Internet and broadcast on FM 89.3
www.saint-johns.ca

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MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, June 8

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in the PCC's mission and ministry locally, nationally and internationally. Together we help congregations navigate and thrive through challenging times, equip leaders to serve and lead the church in Canada and around the world, and work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We address causes and consequences of poverty, racism and discrimination and advocate for and act to protect and restore God's creation. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation. Our gifts also help share stories and experiences of Presbyterians through the Connection newspaper, website, social media and e-newsletters. And so much more! When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 8 (Pentecost) We give thanks for the Spirit's presence and inspiration among us and the gifts we receive through the Spirit for the building up of God's reign.

Monday, June 9 In the 150th year of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we pray for those who study our past in order to better our future.

Tuesday, June 10 We pray for Moses Silungwe, who is supported by the PCC's Leadership Development Program in his studies in medicine at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Zambia.

Wednesday, June 11 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it leads a commemoration of The Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation.

Thursday, June 12 We pray for Presbyterian Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry graduating from Vancouver School of Theology, who have been supported through their studies by St. Andrew's Hall.

Friday, June 13 We pray for PCC camps across the country and give thanks for their vital ministries, as they sow seeds of faith in the hearts of children and youth.

Saturday, June 14, We thank you for new ministry initiatives that build on the foundation made strong by those who have gone before us.



St. John's
Presbyterian
Church
White Rock, BC

8 June 2025
10:30am

“PENTECOST SUNDAY”

Preacher: Rev. Astrid Melatunan



Love, Compassion, Service

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GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

*The asterisk * invites those who are able to stand.*

Music As We Gather: "Holy Spirit, Rain Down", "Come, Holy Spirit"

Welcome & Announcements

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*Responsive Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

Let us sing praises to God as long as we live;

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

May our worship be pleasing to God, ever Three and ever One.

All: Let us praise the LORD!

**Hymn 399 – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

All: Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit to guide your disciples, and empower your church with gifts for ministry.

We confess we often resist the Spirit's guidance. The challenge to change makes us uncomfortable. We overlook the gifts others can offer and fail to live out Christ's love for the world.

Forgive us, O God. Send your Holy Spirit to us again to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry you set before us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Sharing the Peace:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, the first believers were united in Christ's peace. Let us also share signs of peace and reconciliation with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

**Hymn 225: "A New Commandment"*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43: *It reminds us that God doesn't rush to tear out what's broken in the world. Instead, He lets the good seed grow - even in the midst of struggle, opposition, and delay. There's something beautiful in that quiet confidence: God believes His good seed will grow. He trusts the work He's planted in us will flourish - not because everything is ideal, but because His Spirit is at work.*

Acts 2:1-21: Pentecost reminds us of that same Spirit - poured out not to take us out of the world, but to strengthen us within it. Just like the early church was empowered in the middle of conflict and uncertainty, so are we.

This is the WORD of GOD

Thanks be to GOD

SERMON: "Why Does God Allow the Tares to Grow Among the Wheat?"

Choral Devotion: "Laura Story – Blessing"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

All: Enliven us and renew our faith.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

*The Lord's Prayer
(Using Debts & Debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn: "Doxology"

Prayer of Dedication

*Blessing

**Hymn 384: "O Breath of Life"*

IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN'S

We Remember in Prayer

Jean Andrew, Fern Beale, Jean Chalcraft,
Janet Duncan, Doug Eyjolfson, Judy Forster,
Sheila Jakus, Scott Kelly, Phyllis McLean, Anne McNaughton,
Daniel & Annette Nichols, Rev. Diane Tait-Katerberg,
Jessie Woolley, Janet Yip's grandson Joshua

Birthdays:

Irene Leary – 10th June 2025

Farewell Luncheon

For Dale, Lucas & Krishna

Sunday 15th June 2025

12:30 – 4:00pm

At Duncan & Margaret MacKenzie's residence
Please sign the attendance list at the back of sanctuary.
Also indicate if you require a ride there and back.

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Rental Space Required

Kennedy Mwashu is looking for temporary accommodation for July & August.

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Invitation

Langley P.C. picnic on Saturday June 14th 2025 at 11:30 am
If interested, please advise the church clerk or one of the elders by June 7th 2025. Car pooling is a possibility.

