

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



## May 31, 2026 Trinity Sunday Confirmation

10:30 am



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# Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's.  
If you are new to the family, please know that  
you are always welcome here.

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**Bold type** indicates congregational response. \* indicates to stand in body or spirit

## Gathering Music:

TLUS #109 Beautiful Things

Chris Fischer (they/them), tenor & piano  
Lisa & Michael Gungor

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

One: God is with us,  
**ALL: all the time,**  
One: and all the time,  
**ALL: God is with us.**

## Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

## Lighting the Candles

Confirmands

**Candle Lighting Music:** TLUS #99 I Am Sending You Light  
Congregation - refrain; Choir - verses

arr. Peter Amidon

*Refrain*

I am send - ing you light to heal you, to hold you.

I am send - ing you light to hold you in love.

I am send - ing you light to heal you, to hold you.

I am send - ing you light to hold you in love. **Fine**

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## Opening Prayer:

Maddox Silcox (he/him)

God of every new beginning, we come together today with full hearts—a little nervous, maybe, but mostly grateful. Today is the day we say yes—yes to following you, yes to this community, yes to becoming who we are called to be. We ask that you open us up. Open our eyes to see the people around us—really see them—and to welcome everyone who walks through our doors, no exceptions, no conditions, just wide-open arms. Open our minds, too. Give us a hunger to keep learning, to ask hard questions, to wrestle with big ideas, and to never stop growing. Faith isn't about having all the answers—it's about being brave enough to keep asking. And open our hearts to justice. Help us notice when something is wrong and give us the courage to do something about it. Remind us that faith without action is just words. God, you are always moving, always becoming, always pulling us forward into something bigger than ourselves. Pull us forward today. We are ready. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** TLUS #138 Let's Go Together - verse 1  
(see insert) with Barrie Evans (he/him), guitar

Mark A. Miller

## Confirmation

### The Invitation

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**\*The New Creed:** (*unison*)

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



## The Transition

*Confirmands:* I honour my community, you who have gone before me and who travel with me now, for all you have done and left undone to make the world a place of justice, freedom, peace and love.

**Congregation:** **We thank you. Our hearts know all we have failed to do and we confess to your generation all that we have left undone to care for God's creation. It is with joy that we welcome you to take a new place in our community and to join us in the continuing work of service to God and our neighbours.**

Pastor: May you know the joys of full and abundant life in Christ. May you be known and honoured for the truth of who you are and who you are becoming. May our blessings encourage you on the journey to come. May your every step be surrounded by the guidance and grace of God. And may you always know that we are one of your loving communities now and always, wherever you may go.

*Confirmands:* With all the love a heart can hold, I thank you for the person I have become. I ask you now to set me free, as I set you free, so that I might find my path with God. As I take on the responsibilities of my faith, I hope for your prayers, love and guidance. Together, may we continue to grow in our relationships with all that is holy, with one another and ourselves, and with all our relations.

*You have my love. You have my thanks. May God's eternal blessing be with you all.*

Pastor: I now ask the parents, guardians, mentors and congregation: Do you commit yourself to let these young adults grow with greater freedom and to pray to God for the compassionate attitudes and strengths by which to parent and mentor them now and in the future?

**Congregation: We do!**

Pastor: I now ask the confirmands: Do you embrace this growing freedom? Do you accept the responsibility that accompanies such freedom? Do you commit yourself to the work and witness of unconditional love and justice?

*Confirmands:* We do!

**Prayer for the Candidates:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Confirmation:**

Christina Lindsay (she/her) &amp; Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Given Agboola (he/him) - Mentor: Alex Neaves (he/him)  
*(Psalm 23: 1-6)*

Scott Agboola (he/him) - Mentor: Chris Wood (he/him)  
*"You are always righteous, Lord, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease?" (Jeremiah 12:1)*

Walcott Agboola (he/him) - Mentor: Alastair Smyth (he/him)  
*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud". (1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Thomas Appleton (he/him) - Mentor: George Jolink  
*(James 1: 12-19)*

Chelsea Lake (she/her) - Mentor: Kathryn Patton  
*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15: 13)*

Bronwyn Neaves (she/her) - Mentor: Karen Low (she/her)  
*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6: 1-8)*

Will Purkis (he/him) - Mentor: Susan McKane (she/her) & David McKane (he/him)  
*(Genesis 32: 22-28)*

Zoe Robinson (she/her) - Mentor: Karin Symonds  
*"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4: 31-32)*

Andie Silcox (she/her) - Mentor: Linda Badke (she/her)  
*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves," (Philippians 2:3)*

Maddox Silcox (he/him) - Mentor: Barrie Evans (he/him)  
*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8: 18)*

Elizabeth Skelly (she/her) - Mentor: Connor Campbell (he/him)  
*"so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." (Luke 2: 35)*

Zachary Watson (he/him) - Mentor: Chris Silcox (he/him)  
*(Psalms 91: 1-16)*

Johnathan Zambon (he/him) - Mentor: David Speller (he/him)  
*"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4: 32)*

**Closing Prayer:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**\*Sung Response:** TLUS #138 Let's Go Together - verse 2 & 3  
(see insert) with Barrie Evans (he/him), guitar

Mark A. Miller

*Children (grade 6 & younger) leave for Worship and Wonder.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 5: 14-16

Bronwyn Neaves

**Reflection**

**\*Hymn:** TLUS #12 Give Me a Name  
(see next page)

WOODWORTH

**Scripture:** Philemon 4-7

Christina Lindsay

One: A Word of God for all people,

**ALL: thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

**Musical Offering:** True Colors  
Choir; Soloist: Bronwyn Neaves

arr. Tim Brent

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**Gratitude:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**\*Hymn:** MV #122 This Is the Day (sung in English, then French)  
with Barrie Evans, guitar

Bruce Harding

**Blessing:**

**The light of God surrounds us;  
The love of God enfolds us;  
The power of God protects us;  
The presence of God watches over us;  
Wherever we are, God is!**

## Sending Music:

TLUS #114 Si tuvieras fe (If you only have faith)

Chris Fischer, piano  
Pablo Sosa, Jorge Lockward

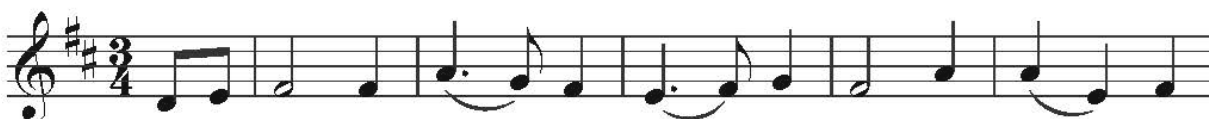
"If you only have faith, just like a little seed of mustard,"  
this is what Jesus has said.

"You would be able to tell this mountain:  
Move away! Move away!"

"And then the mountain will move away."

TLUS 12

## Give me a name



1 Give me a name that's fresh and free and fit - ting  
2 Give me a heart that's brave and new, a ten - der -  
3 Give me a joy that's sure and sweet to share my -  
4 Give me a path be - yond the past to ven - ture



for who I will be; God, bless with ho - ly pow'r and  
ness that's tried and true; God, save my soul from shame and  
self, sin - cere, com - plete. God, spur me on to spark and  
forth at peace at last; God, help me trust your cease - less



grace my self, my scars, my form, my face.  
scorn; I need your love to be re - born.  
shine, show forth in me with light di - vine.  
claim: just as I am, I bear your name.

*Our names carry many layers of meaning. Sometimes we need a new name—literal or symbolic—to remember or share who we really are. This text is for the many moments when we may feel the need to be renamed or reclaimed: at baptism, after a gender transition, following divorce, or beyond. Whoever we are, and whatever has changed, we are always God's beloved children.*

Words: Hannah C. Brown

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849

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**Please join us after the service  
for cake  
in Proudfoot Hall  
to congratulate  
the newest members  
of our FSA family!**



**The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:**

Welcoming Ushers: Pauline Schlegel Shank, Pat & Dale Pettit

Narthex Co-ordinator: Pat Pettit

Service Support: George Jolink

Tech Team: Merran Neville, Robin Neaves, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly, Chris Wood & Allison Wyant

Coffee & Conversation: United Church Women (UCW)

Gift Card Table: Ivana Klouda & David Manness

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.