



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

Service Colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Prelude (A time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able are invited to stand)

The Greeting

M. The Lord be with you **C. And also with you**

Doxology (830) and Bible Sentence

Hymn: 434

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (**in unison**):

Kind Creator, loving Saviour, guiding Spirit: we come together to honour you, O God, the One who has left us and yet is still with us, the One who has come and yet comes to us each day.

O merciful God, on this day we celebrate your Son's coming home to you so that He would always be close to each of us to give us help and guidance; we seek that help now and always. May your voice be heard by us more strongly than any other voice; may your will be dearer to us than any other desire; may your purpose for us mean more to us than any other ambition. Help us to see what things are important and what things do not matter even though the world holds them dear. Help us to speak and act, not to please others, but to please you; help us to walk, not looking for the approval of others but with our eyes joyfully fixed on Jesus, our Friend, in whose name we pray. Amen

All (sung): Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

M. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. And also with you. *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294) will be sung.

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 266, 264 (**all seated**); Children's Time & Prayer (children 3-6)

Anthem: *My Song Doth Bless the Lord*

Lessons: Acts 1:1-11 (p.102); Psalm 47 (*Glory be to the Father...*hymn book 594); Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.169); Luke 24:44-53 (p.79)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon-Ascription of Glory; Living Faith 3.5 (p.11-12)

Prayers for Others

The Offertory Hymn: 265 (vs.1, 2, 3 & 5); The Creed (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving (beginning with):

M. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer...saying in unison:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (Hymn Book 831) (debts, debtors)

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

525 (Hymn Book) *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (twice)*

Prayer of Gratitude for the meal and for the faithful in the past

Hymn: 274 (unannounced)

The Commissioning, Benediction, Choral Amen & Silent Prayer

Song: *Go Now In Peace (all seated)* (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude; The greeting of those nearby in the pews/aisles

Greeting Elder: Byron Sarson

Usher: Jim Kennedy

Beadle: Isabel Sarson

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Helen Martin

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Gerry Archibald

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 2:00 p.m. Ocean View Manor

Tues: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; Afternoon: Hope Cottage;
7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School and Nursery.

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Today is (a) Ascension Sunday (Ascension Day is Thursday, May 13, 2010 and (b) Christian Family Day.

Holy Communion: All who are baptized and who seek to follow Jesus are invited to receive the bread and the cup by coming forward by the centre aisle and dipping bread/rice cracker in a chalice. A server will use tongs to place the bread in each person's hands with the words, "*The bread of life*" or "*The body of Christ given for you.*" The bread is cut in long strips so that fingers do not touch the wine. Some may wish to receive only the bread. After receiving the gifts, you may wish to say, "Amen" or "*Thanks be to God!*" Before coming to the Table or after returning to the pews, you are invited to use this time to pray or to read Psalms 93–100, or Hymns 267–275, or Bible verses, e.g., Luke 24:13–35, or Living Faith (green book), e.g., 7.7 (p.21).

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

May 23 (Pentecost): Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Allow LOTS of time to get to church that day because of the Bluenose Marathon. Consider parking on a side street near the church.

May 30: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – another celebration of Pentecost! Please wear something red—the colour for Pentecost!

June 6: Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Tait of Campbellville, Ontario

June 13: Church School Closing and Congregational Picnic. Bring sandwiches, cookies, fruit, veggies – ready to serve; hot and cold drinks and hot dogs for children and youth will be provided.

6:00 p.m. Musquodoboit Harbour – Kilted and Senior Choirs

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May 15: 4:00–6:00 p.m., Calvin Church Ham Supper.

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Readings for May 16: Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21; John 17:20–26

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Almost \$500 will be received from the May 7 Mission Breakfast for Malawi water/sanitation; the final total will be announced soon. The Session is grateful to the Youth Group for providing the Breakfast and the program. Food that was not used was taken to FOOD.

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Vacation Bible School: July 12–16, 9:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Camp Geddie: 2010 registration information is in the lobby.

Circle of Care Furniture Bank: Volunteers to help with this work are needed. If you can help, telephone 404-9074.

Parking: Please do NOT park in the Brightwood parking lot on Sundays until after Thanksgiving Sunday in October.

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Offerings to April 30, 2010:

(a) Operating Fund

4-Month Budget Goal	\$47,632.69
Actual Gifts	<u>42,847.00</u>
Amount under Budget	\$ 4,785.69

(b) Presbyterians Sharing

2010 Goal	\$35,000.00
Actual Gifts	<u>10,694.00</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$24,306.00

MISSION CAPSULE

UKRAINE

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support David Pándy-Szekeres as he works with the Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine (RCCU), a church of ethnic Hungarians in Ukraine. As Supervisor of External Missions, David helps to post RCCU missionaries to mission fields and supervises their work. As Director of Schools, David coordinates four Christian secondary schools that are renowned for their high academic standards and Christian teachings. Let us pray for David as he uses his gifts to help the RCCU continue its mission and ministry in Ukraine.