



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 22, 2012**

**Service Colour: Green**

**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

**One:** The Lord be with you      **All: And also with you**

Doxology (830) and Bible Sentence

Hymn: 423

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

**Creating and loving God, you are our rock when we feel that we are on shifting ground; holy and caring God, you are our shelter when we feel weak because of the storms and winds in our experience. We praise you this day and always for your help in the past, for your guidance each day, and for the promises that you make to us.**

**Merciful God, our source of forgiveness, we admit that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to conceal, and too deep to undo by ourselves. Forgive us for those things that our lips tremble to name, that our hearts can no longer bear, and that our minds find overwhelming. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed. So nourish us that we may grow more and more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: 471 (**all seated**) Children's time and prayer (children 3-6)

Anthem: Make me a channel of your peace

Lessons: Jonah 3: 1 – 4:11(p.813); Psalm 62: 5-12; (*Glory be to the Father... hymn book 594*); 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31(p.170 ); Mark 1: 14-20(p. 30)

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

Hymn: 451 (unannounced)

Sermon—Ascription of Glory

The Offertory; The Creed (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others (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.**

The Lord's Prayer (hymn book 831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 753 (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:** Mary Pyche

**Usher:** Rob Maskell

**Beadle:** Barb Cruickshank

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks

**Reader:** Mary Pyche

**Accompanist:** Helen Martin

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Group

**Wed:** 9:30 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 7:00 p.m. Choir

**Thurs:** 6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

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

Readings for January 29: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111;

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28.

The sanctuary, hall, choir room and classrooms were dedicated on January 22, 1956. The lobby and nursery were dedicated in September 1991.

**Next Sunday:** Annual Meeting followed by Potluck Luncheon; the worship and meeting will be combined. This is the fifth year in which the annual meeting will be held in the latter part of the 10:30 a.m. service; the elders believe that this is a way of demonstrating that we are involved in "Sacred business" – being the feet, arms, hands and voices of God and of being faithful caretakers of what God has given to us. 2 persons will speak about the meaning and value of the Christian faith and the church to them. Luncheon: Bring finger food ready to serve (i.e.: sandwiches, cheese, veggies, fruit or cookies). Birthday cake will be served.

2011 Annual reports are in the lobby; please bring it with you on Jan. 29. The 2011 tax receipts are inside the front cover together with a brochure on stewardship.

Gifts of Change Booklet is in the lobby; these are provided by our national church for those wishing to make special gifts.

Christ Church Clothing: Please label bags of clothing; adult clothing will go to Christ Church; children`s clothing will go to a Resource Centre.

Bluenose Bottle Exchange – 99 Woodlawn Rd. – St. Andrew`s has an account at this location; your “returns” can be designated for St. Andrew`s Presbyterian. Money will be given to our special appeal for Margaret`s House (FOOD).

Furniture Bank: If you have furniture to contribute, call 463-9074 (no appliances)

Please take a moment after the service to greet those who have been sitting near you during the service.

### **Presbyterians Sharing**

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the mission and ministries that Presbyterian congregations do together in Canada and around the world. Our gifts create, sustain and renew congregations. We support inner-city, native, refugee, urban, remote and chaplaincy ministries. We equip church leaders for Christian education, worship, evangelism, mission, stewardship, youth ministries and justice work. We train ministers and lay leaders through our theological colleges. We recruit and send mission personnel to serve our partners around the world, facilitate exchange visits, and work with other churches in ecumenical partnerships. Together, we speak on issues important to us at national and international forums. Through Presbyterians Sharing we make mission and ministry happen!

### **CANADA: Presbytery of West Toronto**

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support Toronto`s Boarding Homes Ministry (BHM) as it nurtures Christian community by linking residents of boarding homes with visitors from area congregations. People gather to worship, pray, sing, rejoice and celebrate life together and friendships blossom as this new community becomes united in Jesus. BHM`s Chaplain, The Rev. Roger Hunter, writes: “The residents of these homes are a gift. They can be witty, charming, deeply caring, and will greet us with a wonderful hospitality. Residents are brave in the face of often serious illness and tragic isolation. They frequently have great

insight into spiritual matters and become our teachers in life and in our understanding of God-among-us.” Let us pray for the residents of boarding homes across Canada, and for congregations who are entering into Christian community with them.

### **CANADA: Presbytery of Hamilton**

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support St. David`s Inner City Outreach Ministry in Hamilton, Ontario as it reaches out to children, youth and families in Hamilton`s downtown core. This area of Hamilton is bleak, with high levels of drug abuse, alcoholism, prostitution, gangs and violence. St. David`s provides local children with a safe space where they can feel like they are part of a community, share a meal together, and find people who will treat them as equals. The Rev. George Beals writes, “With the support of Presbyterians Sharing and other churches, we are now taking knives away from the children and putting a basketball into their hands. And we are seeing the community change. There is a new hope, the rebirth of a community.”