



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 29, 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: 757

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

O God, we exclaim as the psalmist did: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, always remembering his covenant. Great are the works of the Lord; I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation." Receive, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we are pleased to offer to you this day.

Caring God, who pardons those who sincerely turn to you, we confess our sins before you and with one another. We have not always loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength and we have not always done what is just, loved kindness and walked humbly with you. Have mercy on us in your loving kindness; in your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin; in Jesus' name. 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

Testimony: Jacqueline Swift

Hymn: 773 (**all seated**) Children's time and prayer (children 3-6)

Lessons: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 (p.163); Psalm 111; (*Glory be to the Father... hymn book 594*); 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p.171); Mark 1: 21-28 (p. 35)

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

Sermon

The Ministry of St. Andrew's in 2011: Our worship, witness, fellowship & caring – Cheryl Weeks; Financial Report – Susan Burris; Auditor's Report

The Offertory Hymn: 379; The Creed (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of those who died in 2011 (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.

2012 Operating Budget: Susan Burris, Convener, Finance & Stewardship Committee

Nominating Committee Report – Norma Fallows, Convener

Prayer for the work and people of St. Andrew's – Linda Russell

2012 Presbyterians Sharing Allocation: Ricky Sloan, Convener, Outreach Committee

Prayer for the national church, Synod, Presbytery and the world – Byron Sarson

Testimony: Jean St. Pierre

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

Hymn: 491 (Tune: 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: Linda Russell **Usher:** Jim Russell

Beadle: Norma Fallows **Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron **Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks

Accompanist: Helen Martin

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon and Birthday Cake

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Kirk Session (Hall)

Wed: 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. AMS Auxiliary Roll Call Word: Love
6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

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

Annual meeting: Let us give thanks in our prayers for those who participate in our congregational life and for those who provide leadership in our programs, groups, and ministries.

Readings for February 5: Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11; 1Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Feb. 19: 11:30 a.m. Winter Picnic

Feb. 22 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

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.

CANADA: Presbytery of Halifax-Lunenburg

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping the two-point charge of St. Matthew`s and Hardwood Lands Presbyterian Churches in Elmsdale and Hardwood Lands, Nova Scotia, through a time of transition. The Rev. Gwen Roberts has been the minister of these congregations for 5 years, and loves her work. She writes, “God is very involved here. The Spirit`s very involved, and I`m quite sure that there`s a plan. Right now, that`s what we`re praying for – that that plan will be unveiled for us. Presbyterians Sharing allows us to do that.” Let us pray for these churches as they reach out to the rural communities around them.

Nominations for Committees – 2012

Worship & Fellowship: 3 years – Ann Campbell, Kate Watson, Naomi Walker; 1 year – Megan Douglas

Education: 3 years – Jamie Leck, Tracy Faux; 2 years – Heather Hiscock, Heather Ferguson; 1 year – Erin Douglas

Outreach – 3 years – Gregg Lambert, Lee Walker; 2 years – Barbara Cantley

Finance & Stewardship: 3 years – Robyn Murray, Kevin Faux; 1 year – Margaret Ann Ferreira

Property: 3 years – Robert Maskell, Terry Smith

Treasurer: Joyce Ross

Nominating: 3 years – Joyce Simard; 2 years – Nancy Archibald; 1 year – Sheila MacDonald

Auditors: Russell Trimper, Keith Phillips

The resolutions for Annual Meeting re: Presbyterians Sharing allocation:

- a) That the 2012 Presbyterians Sharing Accepted Allocation to 2012 be \$38,000
- b) That the practice of designating 30% of the loose offerings to Presbyterians Sharing continue for 2012
- c) That the Session be given power to issue to use funds from the 2012 Operating Fund to supplement the Presbyterians Sharing allocation of \$38,000, if required

HUNGARY

Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support Mary Gorombey as she serves the Hungarian Reformed Church by working with refugees. Mary is helping integrate refugee youth into the Hungarian school system, teaching Hungarian-as-a-second-language and tutoring the students in a variety of subjects. She also works hard to confront stereotypes and changing attitudes in a climate that is not favourable to refugees. Mary is excited that one of her students passed an exam to be a nurses` aide, another has passed his citizenship exam, and another has graduated from elementary school and was accepted into a good high school. Let us celebrate the successes of these refugee students, and pray for Mary as she helps them discover a new life in Hungary