



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 2017

Service Colour: Green

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: 314 (Tune: 371)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

On this, the day of resurrection, we gather as a community of faith to celebrate your being our companion in our journey of faith, our shelter in stormy experiences, our inspiration in the face of human need, and our beacon in the task of making decisions.

Holy God, who offers pardon to those who repent and turn to you, we confess that we find it difficult to resist the pressures placed upon us when the forces of evil try to gain our support and use us to further their aims. So strengthen us by your grace that we may have the power to avoid conforming to the patterns in our culture and to embrace with enthusiasm the teachings and love of Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen

All: 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.

The Passing of the Peace – offer the words "Peace" or "The Peace of Christ".

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 428 (all seated) Class for children in the nursery at end of this hymn

Lessons: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 (p.45); Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8 (p.141);

Matthew 16: 13-20 (p.15)

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

Glory be to the Father (hymn book: 594)

Hymn: 585 (Tune: 410) (unannounced)

Sermon – Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn; 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 (831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 763 (Tune: 757) (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: Lois Dewar

Usher: Bob Armstrong

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Piano: Luke Campbell

Reader: Helen Paterson

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wed: 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 6:30 p.m. Refugee Ministry Committee

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery & Class for children

Sponsorship of a Refugee Family: The family arrived on July 13: Moamar Ahmed, his spouse: Sabah Durra and their 2 children: a girl - Zainab (3) and a boy - Hussam (2); (a) If you wish to help with this project by making a gift of money, please mark your envelope/PAR envelope clearly: REFUGEE FAMILY: (b) If your gift is for a gift card, mark this clearly on your envelope.

Camp Geddie – Sept. 15-17 (Fri-Sun) The new Adult Group is planning a weekend for the congregation. If you wish to learn more about this or plan to attend, please sign the sheet in the lobby. Those attending need to take a sleeping bag/sheets, blanket and a pillow, as well as towels.

Church Calendar:

Sunday, Sept. 3: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday, Sept. 5: Regular Church School classes resume

Sunday, Sept. 24: Pizza and Birthday Cake

Sunday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m.: Reception of New Members by Profession of Faith; Holy Communion