



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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14th Sunday after Pentecost, September 10, 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: 799 (Tune: 410)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, we gather to celebrate your bountiful grace and healing presence. Hear our prayers as prayers from those who sometimes have found it hard to offer prayer, not knowing what to say nor how to say it. Hear our songs as songs from those who sometimes have found it hard to sing your praises. We come, confident that you receive the prayers that we cannot get into words, that you understand the thoughts for which there is no language, and that you receive that praise that we cannot express with our lips.

Loving, and demanding God, we confess that we find it difficult to live up to your expectations of us. Unkindness, quarrelling, and jealousy creep into our lives; awaken us to the reality that life cannot go on like this without serious consequences. When we are puffed up, bring us to our senses. When we are angry, help us to let go of our feelings of annoyance. When we are suspicious of others, grant us insight and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)

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

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 373 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Exodus 12: 1-14 (p.54); Psalm: 149; Romans 13: 8-14 (p.142);

Matthew 18: 15-20 (p.17)

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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn: 488 (Tune: 138) (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascension 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 (831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 717 (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: Ricky Sloan

Usher: Bonnie McLellan

Beadle: Mike Laveck

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Janet Holden

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wed: 3:15 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. AMS Roll Call Word: good/goodness

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

Camp Geddie: Sept. 15-17: Friday evening to Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

We are hoping that more folk will plan to come to this time of fellowship, worship, camp fires, singing, discussion, worship and eating! A program for children. Please sign the sheet in the lobby or call 902-469-4480 if you would like to come! Tomorrow is the deadline!

Church Calendar:

Oct. 1 11:40 a.m. Pizza & Birthday Cake

Our refugee family will be with us for this fellowship event!

Oct. 8 10:30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service; Reception of new members by Profession of Faith; Holy Communion

Oct. 29 3:00 p.m. Service at The Church of Saint David to mark 500th Anniversary of Reformation

Taize service tonight 7 pm St Matthias entrance of 6199 Chebucto Rd.

Mary Verrall who was associated with St Andrew's for many years died on July 29. She served on the Board of Managers and taught in the Church School.

Claire Gillespie, who became a professing member of St Andrew's on April 3, 1960, died on September 5; she sang in the choir, served on The Board of Managers, and was active in the AMS for many years. The funeral was held here on Sept 8.

Jeanette Bentley, who became a professing member of St Andrew's several months ago, died suddenly on Sept 7. The funeral will be here on Sept. 16 at 4:00 p.m.

There is a Prayer Board on the chime cupboard door beside the elevator door in the upper lobby. Please feel free to place prayer requests on this board e.g. person for whom you desire prayers. The minister will find a discreet way to include these requests in the intercessions/prayers for others in the last prayer at services. Persons may view this Board and add the requests to their daily prayers. The Session has made arrangements for this Board as a way of enriching the prayer life of our congregation. Paper and pencil are there for your requests.

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. The money received is given to Camp Geddie.

Can Tabs – Please save can tabs for the purchase of wheel chairs. Bring them to the lobby.

Please save used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Leave a 1/4" margin.

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.

There is a table in the lobby where those who are interested can sign up to secure winter clothing for our refugee family.

Presbyterians Sharing: Our 2017 accepted allocation for our national budget is \$41,000; 16,800 is needed to reach this goal by Dec. 31, 2017.

September 8 is International Literacy Day

In Guatemala, the Francisco Coll School sits on a landfill site surrounded by shelters built by families trying to make ends meet by collecting trash. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, Francisco Coll is providing vulnerable boys and girls with a proper education in a safe environment. Maria Herrera, a student at Francisco Coll, dreams of graduating from university and becoming an administrator. Her mother doesn't have a reliable income, but with support from PWS&D, she can continue going to the school she loves. In a letter thanking PWS&D for its support she says, "I ask God that every day you have good health and blessings and that you continue to be able to help adolescents achieve their dreams and goals, like me."

PWS&D supports education and literacy training

September 10: Making Presbyterian connections

Presbyterian Connections is a new newspaper designed to unite Presbyterians by sharing stories, reflections, interviews and articles from across Canada. By equipping leaders, connecting congregations and missions and facilitating communication, the paper will help strengthen denominational ties across the country. Presbyterians are encouraged to subscribe, and stay connected! After reading the first issue, one reader shared, "This publication is just what we need to keep connected across the country. I especially appreciated the very positive, hopeful and encouraging vibe of this issue. Thank you!"

Presbyterians Sharing helps connect Presbyterians across Canada.