



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 17, 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: 290

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, whose steadfast love endures forever, we meet together in awe and reverence to celebrate your power which creates and sustains us, your grace which restores and refreshes us, and your presence within us which nourishes us and gives us strength for our journey in faith.

Almighty God, in whose love there is abundant mercy, we express to you with those gathered in this place, our need for your forgiveness, support, and guidance. We have said and done that which we realize was hurtful and unwise and we have left unsaid and undone that which would have been helpful and encouraging to others. We are frail and so we fail sometimes to keep our promise of love for you and one another. Lead us to be forgiving in our attitude and speech even as you grant forgiveness to us; 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) will be sung.

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

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 698 (all seated) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Exodus 14: 19-31 (p.57); Psalm 114; Romans 14: 1-12 (p.142);

Matthew 18: 21-35 (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: 74 (Tune: 217) (unannounced)

Sermon – The 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 (831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 751 (Tune: 517) (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: Marg Bingley

Usher: Lee Walker

Beadle: Bill Langley

Elevator Guide: Eldon Weeks

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Lesley Waugh

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tues: 10: a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in kitchen; 2:30 p.m. Presbytery at St. Paul's, McClure's Mills; 7:00 p.m. Induction of Rev. Andrew Campbell as minister of St. James' Church, Truro

Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

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

Sunday Parking: Please do not park in the Brightwood lot next door until after October 31.

Synod – Oct. 16 – 18 Calvin Church, Halifax Billots are needed. If you can help, contact P.A. McDonald 902-469-4480.

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. Presbytery Service at The Church of Saint David to mark 500th Anniversary of Reformation Preacher: Rev. Dr. G. Cameron Brett

The flowers in the Chancel were placed in loving memory of Catherine Bruce, who died on September 12, 2015, by her husband Alex, son, Robert and daughter, Margaret Anne.

Organ Recital: All Saints Cathedral Sat. Sept. 23 2:00 p.m.
Michael Capon, organist of St George's Cathedral in Kingston Ont.

NS Youth Choir Grace United Church Sunday Sept 24 7:30 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.

Cultivating healthy communities

In her community in Nicaragua, Sandra believed she was feeding her children wholesome, nutritious food. But the chips and soda that made up the bulk of their diets led to illness and delays in growth. Presbyterian World Service & Development supported community promoters are helping families like Sandra's improve their nutrition by discussing the benefits of locally grown, fresh produce and helping establish household gardens. Sandra now understands that a diet rich in fruits and vegetables is important for a healthy future. Today, her children are energetic and healthy. For Sandra, this project is the beginning of a brighter future for her family and community. "Our mission is to share what we have learned so that our community will prosper with healthy and active families."

PWS&D supports food security and nutrition

Hope in the inner city

Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is one of eight Native Ministries in Canada supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. The ministry serves people of Aboriginal background in Edmonton's inner city. It seeks to meet the social and spiritual needs of people struggling with complex issues of addiction, exploitation, violence, homelessness and poverty. Providing practical support, creating awareness and promoting healing initiatives are priorities. EUNM collaborates with various churches to provide children's ministry programs, VBS and summer camp opportunities. The history of the relationship between Aboriginal People and The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been complex and often difficult. The PCC is committed to walking with Aboriginal Peoples on a journey toward healing and reconciliation.

Presbyterians Sharing shines a light in the inner city