



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Service colour: Green**

**Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**

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: 757

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Holy God, we gather to remember with gratitude your love and generosity. We remember your calling a runaway shepherd, Moses, to lead your people to freedom; we remember your leading your people on their journey from bondage in Egypt to a new life; we remember your giving us a way when there seemed to be no way. In our remembering, grant that we may know more fully your goodness, receive willingly that which we need most of all, and share our gifts for the well-being of all.**

**Patient God, when we become afraid of what lies ahead and want to go back to old familiar ways instead of following your new way for us, forgive us. When we have enough, yet want even more and by wanting more, leave many others with less than enough, forgive us. When we don't see the signs of hope that we are expecting and then complain or blame each other for our difficulties or give our energy and time to other gods, forgive us. When we forget that through our Baptism, we belong to you and to the church and have responsibilities to carry out as your representatives, forgive us and open our hearts and minds to you; 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: 773 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Exodus 16: 2-15 (p.58); Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1: 21-30 (p.174); Matthew 20: 1-16 (p.19)

**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: 483 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 776; **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: 767 (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:** Gregg Lambert

**Beadle:** Cheryl Weeks

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Reader:** Mary Pyche

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

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Mon:** 7:00 p.m. Refugee Family Committee

**Tues:** 7:00 p.m. Ladies' Guild in kitchen

**Wed:** 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

The minister will attend the Board meetings at Knox College, Toronto on Friday. In the evening, he will attend the installation of the new principal, The Rev. Professor John Vissers.

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

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

Church Calendar:

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

Our refugee family will be with us for this fellowship event! PLEASE sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

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 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reformation

Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday: Presbyterians Sharing is the budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Out of every \$100 given to Presbyterians Sharing:

- \$36 grows and equips congregations with resources and grants
- \$17 supports leadership development and our three theological colleges
- \$15 provides grants and sends mission staff to support our international mission partners
- \$13 supports finance and administration of all funds for ministries of the church
- \$7 hosts General Assembly and supports ecumenical relations
- \$7 supports our Native Ministries
- \$3 funds communications and stewardship
- \$1 advocates for justice and human rights issues
- \$1 supports specialized (inner city, rural & refugee) ministries in Canada

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

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.

Hope Cottage Ministry: For many years, St Andrew's has provided food (stew, margarine, fruit) once a month to Hope Cottage. More volunteers are needed for this ministry which takes place on the second Wednesday of each month. A volunteer provides stew ( a very easy recipe is followed!) every second month and either margarine or fruit in the other months. A schedule is provided for each volunteer. For information or to volunteer, call Naomi Walker 902 466-2919

This afternoon the Kilted Choir will sing at the 200th Anniversary Service at St John's Church, MacLennan's Mountain (Pictou County) at 3 pm.

### **Learning from partners in Taiwan**

Nearly half of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan’s membership is Indigenous. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Carragh Erhardt (Healing & Reconciliation Program Assistant), the Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw (Director of Regional Ministries, Synod of Alberta & the Northwest) and Lori Ransom (Healing & Reconciliation Animator, 2006-2011) represented the PCC at the PCT’s International Forum on the “Mission of the Church in Taiwan Today.” Afterwards they spent six days with PCC mission staff, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, and some of his Indigenous colleagues for mutual learning about experiences of reconciliation in Canada and Taiwan. Carragh shares, “I am grateful to the people we met in Taiwan for sharing their experiences and I look forward to continuing this partnership.”

*Presbyterians Sharing supports exchanges with international partners*