



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 1, 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: 27 Verse 2: You're my friend and you are my Brother, Even though you are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Loving God, who guided your people long ago with a cloud by day and a fiery light by night, and who refreshed your people in the wilderness with water from a rock, we celebrate the guidance and refreshment that you give us in our pilgrimage. We rejoice that your love is at work in us, shaping us in the image of Jesus, and assuring us of your presence and power.

Merciful God, we regret that at times we have been narrow in our attitudes, cruel in our words, and careless in our actions; at times there has been a glaring gap between what we say we believe and what we do; at times we avoid the effort that is a part of our growing to become what you would have us be. Grant us your forgiveness; 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: 777, 40 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p.59); Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13 (p.174); Matthew 21: 23-32 (p.20)

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: 512 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 134; 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: 754 (Tune: 722) (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: Wade MacDonald **Usher:** Sheila MacDonald

Beadle: Isabelle Young

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Accompanist: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Janet Holden

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Pizza & Birthday Cake – our refugee family will join us!; 2:00 p.m. Ocean View Continuing Care Service

Wed: 6:30 Choir

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. AMS Roll Call Word: Love

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

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

Church Calendar:

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 the 500th Anniversary of Reformation

Nov. 4 2-4 p.m. Tea & Sale

We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq date from 1752. Today (Oct 1.) is treaty day in Nova Scotia. We are all treaty people!

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.

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

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); if you wish to help with this project by making a gift of money, please mark your envelope/PAR envelope clearly: REFUGEE FAMILY.

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

Taize Service – Tonight 7:00 p.m. 6199 Chebucto Rd. (use St. Matthias Lane door)

Knox College: The College is seeking 15 million dollars for renewal of its 100 year old building and program expansion and enhancement. The session set a goal of \$50,000 for St. Andrew's. \$40,000 of this was donated from the Mission, Outreach and Benevolence Fund. Donors have contributed \$4,500. Thus \$5,500 is needed to reach this goal. Several years ago, St. Andrew's had four interns from Knox: Ian MacMillan, Heather Vais, John Van Vliet and Debbie Dolbear; 3 of them are serving in churches in Ontario and one is serving in a church in Newfoundland and Labrador. St. Andrew's provided 2 students for its program: The Rev. Paula Ryan Hamilton and The Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald. Please consider making a gift in 2017 so that the goal can be reached by December 31, 2017.

October 1 – A journey toward reconciliation

Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations and individuals walk alongside Indigenous people on a journey toward reconciliation. In June, 33 Presbyterians from across Canada visited three of the PCC's seven Indigenous ministries, worshipped at Mistawasis church and visited the sites where two residential schools were run by the PCC. The group listened to stories of anger and pain and offered apologies. They also witnessed some of the ways in which PCC ministries are transforming lives. At Birdtail Sioux First Nation, site of the Birtle residential school, Doug Hanska thanked the visitors with an honour song. He explains, "The stop they did in Birdtail, I know it may not mean much to a lot of people, but to some of us it means a lot," he said. "We can forgive and move on, like our teachings tell us."

Presbyterians Sharing supports the journey of healing and reconciliation