



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 22, 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:

God our creator, your wisdom is disclosed in all your works! Jesus our redeemer, your grace and truth are revealed in all that you taught and did! Holy Spirit, through you, your power and presence are graciously given to us!

Loving God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden, we admit that we have not always loved what you have commanded, we have not always desired what you have promised and we have not always been grateful for what you have given to us in such great abundance. You appear to us in a variety of ways but our eyes have not always recognized you. So open our hearts and minds through this time of worship that we may joyfully receive and warmly embrace your peace and love; 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: 328, 476 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: My Soul Doth Bless the Lord Joseph Martin

Lessons: Exodus 33: 12-23 (p.74); Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 (p.179);

Matthew 22: 15-22 (p.21)

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: 299 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 680; **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: 468 (Tune: 647) (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: Linda Russell

Usher: Jim Russell

Beadle: Mike Laveck

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Janet Holden

Accompanist: Helen Martin

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tues: 11:30 a.m. AMS Presbyterial Meeting – Church Hall - Bring a bag lunch

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

Saturday, Nov. 18 evening Adult Fellowship Group Bowling Event

All welcome. Please sign the sheet in lobby if you plan to attend.

Oct. 29 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Service at The Presbyterian Church of Saint David to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. All welcome!

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. G. Cameron Brett of Baddeck, NS

Nov. 4 2-4 p.m. Tea & Sale – Volunteer sign-up sheets in lobby. All welcome

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 given 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 used!) every second month and either margarine or fruit in the other months. A schedule is provided for each volunteer. Some may want to volunteer for part of the year. For information or to volunteer, call Kathy Kennedy 902-469-0268

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

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 22 – Thanks be to God!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, a Bible translation consultant working in partnership with The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and The Bible Society in Taiwan. In a recent blog post, Paul writes: "Maelaanenge ki Twaumase!" (Thanks be to God!) These words were repeated during the joyful 3-hour thanksgiving service for the publication of the Ngudradrekai Bible on July 11, 2017 at Kucapungane Presbyterian Church in the mountain foothills of southern Taiwan. Nearly 30 years after The Gospel first took root in Old Kucapungane village, Ngudradrekai people now have the complete Bible printed in their own mother language." The Rev Peter Bush, Moderator of the 2017 General Assembly, attended the celebration. He shares, "To read the Bible in one's mother language is to be affirmed culturally as a people having value and it is to be called to discipleship following Jesus Christ."

Presbyterians Sharing equips people to read the Bible in their own language.

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.