



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 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)

Call to Worship:

In a world full of violence and war,

we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

In a word filled with tyranny and oppression,

We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace and justice for all.

In a world filled with hunger and greed,

we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: 338

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Confession:

You let us choose, O God, between you and the false gods of this world. In the midst of the night of sin and death, wake us from our slumber and call us forward to greet Christ, so that with eyes and hearts fixed on him, we may follow in his love.

All: (sung) Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.

Response to confession: **I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal...So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.** (John Wesley's prayer)

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

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 655 (all seated) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: Steal Away Male Quartet

Lessons: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14 - 25, 27 (p.199); Psalm 78; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (p. 181); Matthew 25: 1-13 (p.24)

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: 46 (Tune: 116) (unannounced) (Paraphrase of Psalm 78)

Sermon – Choose This Day

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: 654 (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: Susan Burris

Usher: John Stone

Beadle: Ian Murray

Elevator Guide: Eldon Weeks

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Ian Murray

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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

Tues: 10:30 a.m. Presbytery at St. James', Noel Road

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

Sat: Eve Adult Fellowship Group - Bowling Party

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

We are pleased to welcome to our 10:30 a.m. service The Rev. H. Kenn Stright, a retired minister of our church living in Musquodoboit Harbour.

The minister is taking a vacation day.

Sat. Dec. 2 6:00 p.m. Advent Potluck Supper and the making of banners for Advent and Christmas. If you plan to come, please sign the sheet in the lobby. This is sponsored by the Adult Fellowship Group.

Sunday, Nov. 26 Christ the King Sunday

10:30 a.m. The Kilted Choir will sing an anthem and serve Communion

7:00 p.m. Service to mark St. Andrew's Day; Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Kay; anthem by Kilted Choir. Offering: Annual Christmas Project

8:00 p.m. Ceilidh led by the Kilted Choir followed by refreshments (including haggis!)

2017 Annual Christmas Project – Money for the FEED NS Feed-A-Family Program. Please make gifts on or before December 10th. Goal: \$2500.

Saturday, Nov. 18 evening: Adult Fellowship Group Bowling Event
All welcome! Please sign the sheet in the lobby or phone 902-469-4480 if you plan to attend.

Next Sunday 11:30 a.m. Birthday cake and Potluck Luncheon
Bring finger food: sandwiches, veggies, fruit, cookies, cheese & crackers ready to serve.

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

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.

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.

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

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

November 12 – Take the Advent Challenge!

During the Advent season, we celebrate God's amazing gift— Jesus! This gift changed the world. Inspired by God's overwhelming generosity, we too work to make a difference for our sisters and brothers across the globe. Each week of Advent, Presbyterian World Service & Development challenges individuals and congregations to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love with those living in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. In the midst of poverty, injustice and disaster, the Christ light shines. To help create bright futures through the Advent Challenge, visit WeRespond.ca/advent-challenge.

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