



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LENT 3, SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

Service Colour: Purple

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 and Bible Sentence:

M. The Lord be with you **C. And also with you**

Hymn: 313

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace (**in unison**):

God, our Father, your grace quenches our thirst for understanding, wisdom, and hope! God, our Saviour, your love satisfies our hunger for love, peace, and purpose in our living! God, our Companion, your presence meets our longing for guidance, refreshment, and strength! God, the Creator of the church, the community of the faithful fulfils our need for belonging, encouragement, and worship!

O God, even as the heavens are high above the earth, so are your ways high above our thoughts. We admit that we have not used the gifts that you have given to each of us to bear the fruit that you have called us to bear. We confess that we have been distracted by what is not lasting and can never truly satisfy. Forgive us for the attitudes that we have held, the words that we have spoken and the actions that we have done which have hurt you, offended others, and done harm to the earth, the sea, and the air; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All (sung): 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.

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 206 (sung twice); 655 (**all seated**); Children's Time & Prayer (children 3-6)

Anthem: *Lord of the Dance* - Sydney Carter/Allen Pote

Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9 (p.645) Psalm 63:1-8 (*Glory be to the Father...* hymn book 594); 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (p.151); Luke 13:1-9 (p.66)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: 190 (unannounced)

Sermon-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 (hymn book 831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 198 (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: Byron Sarson

Usher: Donna MacRae

Beadle: Isabel Sarson

Elevator Guide: Christine Gray

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Reader: Eric Gray

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Youth Group

Mon: 7:15 p.m. Worship and Fellowship Committee

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Guild; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; Afternoon: Hope Cottage Ministry; 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir

Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

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

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Tea and Sale: March 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are willing to help with this event, please sign the sheet in the lobby.

Maundy Thursday Supper (supper provided): 6:15 p.m. All welcome. Please sign the sheet on the piano if you plan to attend.

Easter Breakfast: 7:15 a.m. for those who go to the 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service AND for those who gather for worship at 8:00 a.m.

Tonight: 7:30 p.m. Saint James' Anglican Church on the Armdale Rotary:
"Around the Year with Favourite Hymns."

Bible Study: Please read Matthew 4:12–5:3; Micah 2:1–2, 6:6–8; Isaiah 58:6–12

Readings for March 14: Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Vacation Bible School: July 12–16, 9:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Lenten Chowder Lunches: St. David's Church, Wednesdays, noon–1:15 p.m. Cost: \$8.00

Camp Geddie: 2010 registration information is in the lobby.

Circle of Care Furniture Bank: Volunteers to help with this work are needed. If you can help, telephone 404-9074.

Website: Our congregation's website is now being administered by the national church. The website provided through PCCWeb is completely free of charge and is funded through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*. Our web address remains the same so please check it out. We thank Joel Rafuse for hosting and managing the website over the past three years.

Offerings to February 28, 2010:

(a) Operating Fund

Budget Goal to February 28	25,217.31
Actual Gifts	<u>21,334.00</u>
Amount under Budget	\$ 3,883.31

(b) Presbyterians Sharing

2010 Goal	\$35,000.00
Actual Gifts	<u>5,161.75</u>
Needed to Reach Goal	\$29,838.25

MISSION CAPSULES

CANADA: Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM), an inner city ministry offering food and friendship to those in need in downtown Saskatoon. The Rev. Stewart Folster works to establish a relationship of caring and trust with everyone who comes through the front door of the drop-in centre. He invites people to SNCM's healing circle and worship service, which are held in the same building, and helps them to feel that they belong. "We are trying to provide a place where street people can drop in and feel at home," says Stewart. "I think we are like family, and we take care of each other." Let us pray for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and for Stewart, as he works to make a difference in the lives of people struggling to survive in inner city Saskatoon.

CANADA: Presbytery of Kamloops

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Charles McNeil as he ministers with Cariboo Presbyterian Church in the Cariboo-Chilcotin Region of British Columbia. This house church ministry serves those in rural and remote areas who are out of reach of the traditional church. Charles spends much of his time teaching and instructing elders and others through Bible study and short courses. He also provides pastoral care and attention to those who want nothing to do with the church. He says, "Being as Christ to a range of people is a calling, a challenge and a privilege." Let us pray for Charles, the house church elders, and all those who are part of Cariboo Presbyterian Church, as they continue to be faithful, obedient and present – as Christ to the Cariboo.