



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 8, 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: 457

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God, our Creator, we gather to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and to glorify you for the fulfilment of your promise that, as long as the earth lasts, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter will never cease.**

**Providing God, though you have surrounded us with many gifts, we never seem to have enough and keep striving to have more. Being thankful gets set aside because of our pursuit of selfish goals. We admit that much of the good seed sown in us by your Spirit, working in other people such as parents and teachers, has not yielded the fruit that you intended us to bear. So touch our lives that we may bear the fruit of your nourishing Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; 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: 804 (2) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: Sing a Round of Praise J. Hilton

Lessons: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (p.61); Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4b-14 (p.175); Matthew 21: 33-46 (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: 802 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

Prayer

Reception of new members by Profession of Faith

The Offertory; **The Creed** (#539 in hymn book) & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving (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.**

Prayer...saying in unison:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer...and the Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

**All (sung): Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (2)**

The Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the feast and for the faithful in the past

Hymn: 803 (vs. 1 & 2) (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:** Lois Dewar

**Usher:** Eldon Weeks

**Beadle:** Kathy Sloan

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks

**Reader:** Jamie Leck

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

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 9:50 a.m. Choir; 10:15 a.m. Session – Hall; 10:30 a.m. Senior Church School in sanctuary for entire service

**Tues:** 3:15 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry( note date change);7:00 p.m. Guild

**Wed:** 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

Today: We mark Harvest Thanksgiving with the Thanksgiving meal given to us by Jesus. We also welcome as professing members the following baptized persons: Ross Barkhouse, Jake Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, & Jack Murray.

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.

Holy Communion: Wine in metal chalices; grape juice in glass chalices.

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 month. For information or to volunteer, call Naomi Walker 902 466-2919

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

Oct. 29 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Service at The Presbyterian Church of St. David to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. All welcome.

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

### **October 8 – Day of the Girl (October 11)**

A major obstacle to development in many vulnerable countries is that too many women and girls are unable to pursue their hopes and goals, hindered by discrimination and inequality. In Afghanistan, sports are generally male-dominated, but Fahima had a talent for cricket and longed for the chance to play. Presbyterian World Service & Development's Girls Education Program equips schools with sports equipment and leads awareness-raising sessions on the benefits of physical education for students' cognitive development. Fahima's school is participating in the program and now has sessions dedicated for girls to play sports. The young athlete could not be more thrilled. "The school made a cricket team and I was selected as captain," shares Fahima. "I plan on leading my team to victory!"

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