



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 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: 304

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, our Maker, your love is displayed in all that you have made. Jesus, our Friend, in your grace, we are made new. Holy Spirit, our Guide, you touch our lives with faith, hope and love.

O God, you made us with a mind to know you, a heart to love you and a will to serve you. We admit that our understanding is imperfect, our love is unsteady and our obedience is incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, help us to become more and more like you; 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: 292,641 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Judges 4: 1-7,12-16 (p.204); Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 8-11 (p.181); Matthew 25: 14-28 (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: 393 (Tune: 374) (unannounced)

Sermon – The 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 (831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 663 (Tune: 497) (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: Mary Pyche

Usher: Gregg Lambert

Beadle: Ian Murray

Elevator Guide: Gordon Ross

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Reader: Ian Murray

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch & Birthday Cake; 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Kilted Choir

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

A Choral Remembrance of the Halifax Explosion: The Halifax Explosion by Mary Knickle (world premiere) & Requiem by Gabriel Faure
Wed. Dec. 6 8:00 p.m. St. Matthew's United Church, Halifax
Tickets \$25. at door; 20 in advance 902-429-1680.

Sunday, Nov. 26 Christ the King/Reign of Christ 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 of PEI; 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 10. Goal \$2500.

Saturday, Nov. 25 10:30 - noon Calvin Church Coffee party and sale

2018 Presbyterian Calendar now on sale by Youth Group Cost: \$6.00 each. Only one month to a page this year!

Gifts of Change catalogue from PWS&D now available – sometimes folk select a project from this booklet in lieu of or in addition to Christmas gifts.

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

As of Nov. 1, 2017, \$10,000 is needed to meet our 2017 accepted allocation for Presbyterians Sharing of \$41,000.

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.

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.

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

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

Can Tabs – Please save can tabs for the purchase of wheel chairs. Bring them to the lobby.

Universal Children's Day (November 20)

Presbyterian World Service & Development is committed to protecting the rights of children, including the right to food that helps them grow and thrive. A lack of food threatened the life of one-year-old Kai when violent conflict near their village forced his family to flee their home in South Sudan. After they'd walked for days, Kai was showing signs of severe acute malnutrition. Fortunately, when they arrived at a UN protection camp, the little boy was admitted to a feeding centre that is part of a PWS&D-supported nutrition treatment program with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. After two months Kai was discharged, having grown healthier, stronger and better able to face each day while waiting for peace to be restored in South Sudan.

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New Ways to Nourish Families

Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. "Life has greatly changed for us," shares Abel.

PWS&D supports food security for smallholder farmers