



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2017**

**Service colour: White**

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: 65 (Paraphrase of Psalm 100)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Eternal and abiding God, on this last Sunday of the year, we meet together to express our faith that our times are in your hands. How refreshing it is to stand in awe before the mystery that surrounds you, to sense the comfort of your presence, and to recognize your authority in our lives.**

**Merciful and caring God, we admit that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the notions and desires of our own hearts; we have gone against your holy laws; we have left undone those things that we should have done and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. Forgive us for forgetting that you dwell in all our brothers and sisters and teach us again that when we serve the needs of others we are serving 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: 266 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 (p.759); Ephesians 1: 15-23 (p.169);

Matthew 25: 31-45 (p.25)

**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: 273 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

Prayer

Anthem: The Lord's Prayer sung by Kilted Choir

The Offertory; **The Creed** (hymn book – inside front cover) & 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 & the Lord's Prayer

**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: 274 (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:** Gerry Archibald

**Usher:** Nancy Archibald

**Beadle:** Bill Langley

**Elevator Guide:** Eldon Weeks

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Choir Director:** Helen Martin

**Readers:** Lee Walker, Dr. David Campbell **Accompanist:** Cheryl Weeks

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

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 9:50 a.m. Kilted Choir;

11:30 a.m. Personnel & Planning Committee - Kitchen

**Tues:** 7:00 p.m. Guild - Kitchen

**Wed:** 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 6:30 p.m. Choir

**Thurs:** 7:00 p.m. Kirk Session

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

TONIGHT: 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!)

Holy Communion: In the trays, there is red wine and white grape juice.

The flowers in the Chancel were placed in loving memory of Gerry Ryan by his spouse, Norma, and her family. Gerry was an elder and a Kilted Choir member.

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.

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.

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

2018 Presbyterian Calendar now on sale by Youth Group Cost: \$7.00 each. Only one month to a page this year!

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

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.

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, \$5400.00 is needed to meet our 2017 accepted allocation for Presbyterians Sharing of \$41,000. After today, 7 services left this year!

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.

### **November 26 – World AIDS Day (December 1)**

AIDS is now the leading cause of death among teenagers in sub-Saharan Africa, a region still devastated by the HIV epidemic. These deaths can be avoided through prevention and treatment, education, and sexual and reproductive healthcare. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, supports HIV and AIDS programs that fight stigma and discrimination, teach and equip people to prevent the spread and the transmission between mother and child, and provide home based care and medications to those living with the disease. On World AIDS day, we live in Christ's hope for a world without AIDS and pray for those whose lives remain affected.

*PWS&D works for a world without AIDS*