



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Advent 1, Sunday, December 3, 2017

Service colour: Blue

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: 116

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

With delight and eagerness, we adore you, O God, as we enter by your grace a new year on the calendar of your church. We glorify your name for your coming to us in the Child of Bethlehem, for your coming to us each day by your Spirit, and for your promise to come again at the close of the age.

We come because we believe that, as the potter shapes the clay, so you can shape us into joyful and eager servants of your Gospel. We come because we are confident that you can free us from troubling fears, from bad habits, from unwise customs, from attitudes that hurt both other people and ourselves, and from the needless worry about what others think about our love for you. Enable us to embrace the teachings of Jesus and to listen carefully for the guidance of your Spirit. Continue in this new year to grant to us hope, meaning, understanding and peace; 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

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Hope

Hymn: 112, 133 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Isaiah 64: 1-9 (p.154); Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 (p.145); Mark 13: 24-37 (p.44)

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: 118 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascension 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: 110 (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: Ricky Sloan

Usher: Erin Sloan

Beadle: Mike Laveck

Elevator Guide: Eldon Weeks

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Mike Laveck

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Advent Candle: Ricky, Erin and Cassie Sloan

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 2:00 p.m. Ocean View Continuing Care Service; 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs: Noon AMS Luncheon

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

Next Sunday 11:40 a.m. Church School Christmas Program in Hall. All welcome!

Dec. 17 10:30 a.m. Carol Service; 8 & 10 30 a.m. White Gift Sunday
Gifts such as toiletries, canned goods, cereal, etc. presented in white paper or in a white plastic bag.

2017 Annual Christmas Project – Money for the FEED NS Feed-A-Family Program. Please make gifts on or before December 10. Goal \$2500. We have \$751. so far.

Dec. 24 services 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; 5 – 5:45 p.m., 7-8 p.m.

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

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.

As of Nov. 1, 2017, \$5000.00 is needed to meet our 2017 accepted allocation for Presbyterians Sharing of \$41,000. After today, there are 6 services before year end!

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.

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. Alex Smith who has been a professing member since October 26, 2000, died on November 24. The funeral will be next summer in Ontario.

Combating racism in Japan

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Tokyo, which was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet primarily targets people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan, in collaboration with other Japanese churches, Christian organizations and international church partners. David and his co-director, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's call.

Presbyterians Sharing walks with vulnerable people

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

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.

PWS&D is sharing the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ