



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Advent 2, Sunday, December 10, 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: 131 (Tune: 479)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Loving God, who feeds your flock like a shepherd and who gathers your lambs in your arms, we praise and honour you for your grace, mercy and peace. Glory be to you for lifting up those who feel that they are in deep valleys and for bringing down those who have become too proud and are too filled with themselves.

O patient God, who longs for all to turn around and go in the way shown to us in Jesus, we admit that we have gone against your way for us and have hurt you, one another, and ourselves in our choice of words and actions. Take from us envy of others and what they have, resentment toward those who have been unkind to us, bitterness toward those who irritate us, and harshness in our opinions. Enable us to be at peace with you, with others, and with ourselves, in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. 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 Second Advent Candle: Peace

Hymn: 117, 119 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.626); Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a (p.210); Mark 1: 1-8 (p.30)

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.

Solo: "There's A Voice" Hymn: 128

Hymn: 126 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 115; **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: 153 (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: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Eldon Weeks

Organist: Helen Martin

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Kathy Sloan

Soloist: Dr. David Campbell

Advent Candlelighting: Lisa, Alex and Ben Glennie

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:40 a.m. Church School Concert – Hall; 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: 3:15 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry; 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

Gifts of Change booklets are in the pew racks to provide ideas for Christmas giving.

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.

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

Dec. 31 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. services; special class for children

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

As of Nov. 1, 2017, \$4200 is needed to meet our 2017 accepted allocation for Presbyterians Sharing of \$41,000. After today, there are 5 services before year end! There is a line on the envelopes for a gift to this Fund.

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 \$1726.00 as of December 8.

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.

World AIDS Day

Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health at Zanmi Lasantein Haiti, is standing up for victims of gender-based violence. While Haiti's justice system is unable to respond adequately to widespread occurrences of violence against women, Dr. Jonas remains committed to providing the medical care, psychosocial support and community accompaniment victims need to recover. Dr. Jonas is thankful for the support from Presbyterian World Service & Development that is helping address this critical human rights issue and giving victims hope again. "If we can't receive victims and give them proper treatment, then we are a part of the system of violence," says Dr. Jonas. "There is a level of responsibility." His hope for the program is to provide a shelter for women after they receive treatment.

PWS&D protects the rights of vulnerable women

Working with international mission partners

Effective mission partnership is a covenant relationship between people who are striving to bring about God's realm of justice and peace. In 2017, gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provided some of the PCC's international partners with 30 grants totaling \$320,000. These grants supported Bible translation in Nigeria and Mauritius; women's pastoral programs in Guatemala; biblical, theological and pastoral training in Mauritius and Guatemala; theological seminaries in Lebanon, Malawi and Romania; lay training centres in Ghana and Malawi; refugee programs in Lebanon and Palestine; and medical centres in India. Mission and vital world-wide ministry partnerships that put people first happen because of the faithful generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing allow our church to be with those on the margins and change lives around the world.

Presbyterians Sharing supports international partnerships because they matter