



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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First Sunday after Epiphany, January 7, 2018

Service colour: White

Epiphany (January 6) & Baptism of Jesus

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: 136 (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Creating and restoring God, we come together to celebrate the baptism by John of your Son, the Beloved. We thank you for the gift of baptism, for through it we are assured that we are precious to you, that we belong to you forever, and that we are appointed to be your arms, feet, hands, eyes, ears, and lips in your world.

O God, who has given us the example of Jesus, we sometimes hesitate to follow that example. Wash from us anything that would make us deaf to your voice. Cleanse us from anything that would close our minds to your wisdom. Purify us of anything that would dim our vision of your peace. Take from us anything that would distract our hearts from your will for us. Remind us of the promises that you make in baptism and enable us to rise to new life and live in 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

Hymns: 173, 143, 144 (all seated) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p.645); Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Acts 19: 1-7 (p.122);

Mark 1: 4-11 (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.

Hymn: 170 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Duet: Joy to the World; **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: 183 (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: Ian Murray

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Reader: Janet Holden

Duet: Cheryl Weeks & Helen Martin

Audio: Jean St-Pierre

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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

Mon: 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Guild; Personnel & Planning Committee

Wed: 3:15 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. AMS Roll Call Word: Prayer

Sat: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Workshop on Human Sexuality at St. James', Truro - details in newsletter

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

Presbyterians Sharing 2017 gifts: \$42,513 (Goal was \$41,0000)

PWS&D General Fund 2017 gifts: \$18,412

Camp Geddie 2017 gifts: \$20,603

January Newsletter: There are copies in the lobby and on the piano by the tree.