



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 28, 2018

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: 436

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, we exclaim as the psalmist did: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, always remembering his covenant. Great are the works of the Lord; I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation." Receive, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we are pleased to offer to you this day.

Merciful God, our source of forgiveness, we admit that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to conceal, and too deep to undo by ourselves. Forgive us for those things that our lips tremble to name, that our hearts can no longer bear, and that our minds find overwhelming. Set us free from the past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed. So nourish us that we may grow more and more in your likeness; 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: 377, 378 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Deuteronomy 18; 15-20 (p.163); Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p.150); Mark 1: 21-28 (p.35)

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: 729 (Tune: 674) (unannounced) (based on Gospel Reading)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Duet: It is well with my soul; **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: 692 (Tune: 138) (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: Wade MacDonald

Usher: Sheila MacDonald

Beadle: Alex Bruce

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Kathy Sloan

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Eldon Weeks

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour with birthday cake

Tues: 11:45 a.m. Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Wed: 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 7:00 p.m. Kirk Session

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

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

Our Sponsorship of a Refugee Family: The family arrived in July 2017:

Moamar Ahmed, his spouse: Sabah Durra and their 2 children: a girl - Zainab (3) and a boy - Hussam (2); if you wish to help with this project by making a gift of money, please mark your envelope/PAR envelope clearly: REFUGEE FAMILY. There are some photos in the lobby!

Sat. Feb. 3 4-6 p.m. Congregational Gathering in the Hall at which our Refugee Family will be our guests. Pizza! All welcome! Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Thursday, Feb. 15 10 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Party and Book Sale; this is sponsored by the Guild.

Extra newsletters in the lobby and on the pulpit piano.