



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday after Epiphany, February 4, 2018

Service colour: Green

Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday

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: 296 (Tune: 661)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

M. Caring God, we are the work of your hands,

C. but, we do not use our hands to do your work.

M. You have given us hands for building,

C. but we use them to set up barriers.

M. You have given us hands for sharing,

C. but we use them to grab what we can.

M. You have given us hands for looking after your garden,

C. but we use them to sow the seeds of discord.

M. You have given us hands to welcome others,

C. but we use them to hold others at a distance.

M. You have given us hands to feel the gifts of creation,

C. but we use them to twist creation out of shape.

M. You have given us hands to feed the hungry,

C. but we use them to take more than we need.

M. You have given us hands for mending,

C. but we use them to take apart what has been woven together.

M. You have given us hands to lift up in praise,

C. but we keep them firmly in our pockets.

M. You have given us hands to join with others,

C. but we use them to hide our faces from each other and from you.

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: 662, God Sees the little sparrow fall (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Isaiah 40: 21-31 (p.627); Psalm 147: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-18 (p.150); Mark 1: 29-39 (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.

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

Hymn: 712 (unannounced)

The Offertory; **The Creed** (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer Solo

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: 489 (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: Lois Dewar

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Lesley Waugh

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Soloist: Iona MacLean

Audio: Ross Barkhouse

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:45 a.m. Youth Group

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

Feb. 14 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. ½ hour Ash Wednesday Services
Feb. 15 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee Party and Book Sale
Feb. 18 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting and Luncheon (finger food – bring sandwiches, fruit, veggies, cookies ready to eat)

Annual reports will be ready on Feb. 11.

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.

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!

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

God Sees the little sparrow fall

God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets his tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.

Chorus: He loves me too, he loves me too,
I know he loves me too;
Because he loves the little things,
I know he loves me too.

He paints the lily of the field,
Perfumes each lily bell;
If He so loves the little flowers,
I know he loves me well.

God made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all.

February 4: PWS&D Sunday

PWS&D Sunday is a day to reflect on the work our church is doing to support marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and emergency relief. Together, we are responding to those who struggle for basic necessities and helping families get what they need to rise above poverty, recover from emergency situations and freely pursue their hopes for the future. Today, we give thanks for compassionate individuals and congregations across Canada and dedicated global partners who follow Jesus, living for justice, mercy and peace. By sharing Christ's love in vulnerable communities, we are helping build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

PWS&D responds to needs around the world