



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 1, February 18, 2018

Service colour: Purple

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: 757

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Creating God, from the dust of the earth you formed us! Loving God, through the sacrifice and rising of Jesus, you have given us the gift of rising to new life from the dust of our sins! Guiding God, you walk with us in the garden of life offering us your wisdom as we make our choices.

Caring God, whose Son was tempted as we are, we confess that often we have given into the temptations that we meet. We sometimes live for ourselves and apart from you. We waste and pollute your precious gifts of air, sea and land. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; wash us and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us; 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: 475 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Minute Presentation: Refugee Ministry

Lessons: Genesis 9: 8-17 (p.7); Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22 (p.207);

Mark 1: 12-13 (p.30)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Glorify 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: 485

The Ministry of St. Andrew's in 2017: 1) Our worship, fellowship, learning and witness/service: Cheryl Weeks, Session Clerk (pages 3 – 14)

2) Finance and Stewardship Committee: Ian Murray, Convenor

(a) Acceptance of 2017 Financial Statements – p. 15-19

(b) Acceptance of Auditors' Report – p.19

The Offertory Hymn: 200 & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of those who died in 2017 (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.

Finance and Stewardship Committee – Ian Murray, Convenor

2018 Operating Fund Budget (p.18 last column)

Session Recommendations (p.7):

1. Presbyterians Sharing 2018 Accepted Allocation: \$41,500. (2017 gifts: \$42,513) Presenter: Ricky Sloan – Outreach Convenor

2. Legacy for Growth Fund - Mission, Outreach, and Benevolence Section: see page 7 Rec: 2 a-f Presenter: Cheryl Weeks

Nominating Committee: Susan Burris, Convenor (see insert)

Prayer for the ministries of St. Andrew's and for others

Expression of Faith – Isabel Langille

The Lord's Prayer (831) (all who are able are invited to stand)

Hymn: 472 (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: Ian Murray

Usher: Margaret Stuart

Beadle: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Lee Walker

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Eldon Weeks

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Potluck Luncheon and Birthday cake

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Presbytery at Kings, New Minas; Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir; 7:30 p.m. Refugee Committee

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

The Annual Meeting will be held within our 10:30 a.m. service as a way of showing the close relationship of worship and our ministries.

Feb. 24 6:00 p.m. 65th Anniversary Potluck Supper Speaker: The Rev. Michael Koslowski of Calvin Church, Halifax. Please sign the sheet in the lobby indicating what you plan to bring e.g. hot dish, salad, dessert, etc. Bring an item for the Christ Church Food & Clothing Bank.

March 4th 65th Anniversary Service; 11:40 Pizza Luncheon Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend so we will know how much pizza to order. There will also be birthday cake!

Ceilidh – Thursday, Feb. 22 7:00 p.m. Hall All welcome. This event is Sponsored by Clan Donald Admission: Something for FEED NS.

March 3 7:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service at Stairs Memorial United Church All welcome.

Buy-A-Bunch Campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society. We are participating in this program again this year. You can order one or more bunches (\$8.00) after the service in the lobby on March 4 or 11 or by contacting Dan or Cynthia McKeen at 902-461-1275 or at danmcke@belaliant.net.

Knox College: The College is seeking 15 million dollars for renewal of its 100 year old building and program expansion and enhancement. The session chose a goal of \$50,000 for St. Andrew's. \$40,000 of this was donated from the Mission, Outreach and Benevolence Fund. Donors have contributed \$7,000. Thus \$3,000 is now needed to reach this goal. Please consider making a gift in 2018 so that the goal can be reached by December 2018.

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.

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.

David Gillan, who was connected to our congregation in recent years, died on February 15. The funeral is in Sydney Mines tomorrow.

Nominating Committee Report:

Treasurer 2018: Joyce Ross
Auditors 2018: External: Linda MacKinnon
Internal: Russell Trimper

Worship & Fellowship - For 3 years: Lee Walker, Kate Watson

Outreach - For 1 year: Luke Campbell, Emily Murray, E. Margaret MacDonald, Naomi Walker, Gregg Lambert

Education - For 3 years: Lisa Glennie, Nancy McNeil, Debbie Pegg, Megan Douglas; For 1 year: Kathy Kennedy, Mary Mattatall, Jack Murray

Finance & Stewardship - For 3 years: Susan Burris

Property - For 3 years: Eldon Weeks, Rob Maskell

Nominating - For 3 years: Susan Burris; For 2 years: Margaret Anne Ferreira

February 18: World Day of Social Justice (Feb 20)

In the community where Clara lives in rural Guatemala, many people believe that women can't be strong leaders. As a result, Clara once lacked confidence in her abilities. This all changed when she participated in PWS&D-supported workshops designed to strengthen women's voices at home and in the community. Clara now works as a treasurer and health commissioner with organizations that are making her community a better place to live. While fulfilling her passion for leadership, Clara is paving the way for future generations of women to help build more prosperous, just communities. "We are highly grateful to PWS&D for supporting us in order to significantly change the hard reality of oppression and marginalization that exists."
PWS&D promotes gender justice