



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 2, Sunday, February 25, 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: 814

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

We praise you, O God, our Maker, for your help in the past, for your presence among us, and for the hope that you give to us. We honour you, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, for establishing the community of faith and for placing us in this community through the gift of Baptism. We glorify you, Holy Spirit, for drawing us closer to you and blessing us with guidance and strength. We gather this day to honour you for the covenant that you made with Sarah and Abraham and with us, their descendants in the family of faith.

O God, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive! Be patient with us when we forget to obey your call to us to set aside our focus on ourselves and to take up our cross and follow you. Remind us that new life, peace, and joy are found through our trust in you and our service in your name; 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

Anthem: This Little Light of Mine

PWS&D Reading for Lent 2

Hymn: 641, 206 (twice) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Genesis 17: 1-9, 15-16 (p.12); Psalm 22: 22-31; Romans 4: 17-25

(p.135); Mark 8: 31-36 (p.38)

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: 205 (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory; **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: 211 (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: Ricky Sloan

Usher: Erin Sloan

Beadle: Lois Dewar

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Scott Watson

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Luke Campbell

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:35 a.m. Youth Group at Margaret's House

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Guild

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

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

Fri: 7:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service – Stairs Memorial Church

Sun: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Next Sunday, March 4 10:30 a.m. – 65th Anniversary Service Preacher: The Rev. Professor Dr. Rob Fennell, Dean of Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax. 11:40 a.m. Pizza lunch and Birthday cake Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend so that we know how much pizza to order! The congregation was formed on March 3, 1953.

On Feb. 20, the Presbytery accepted Whitney Canning as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament!

Friday, March 2 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 danmckeen@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. The Principal will preach here on April 15, 2018. Maybe we can reach \$50,000 by then!

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.

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.

Please save used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Leave a 1/4" margin.

Copies of the February 2018 #2 newsletter are in the lobby and on the pulpit piano.

Investing in the future of our partner churches

Leadership Development grants are an investment in the future. In 2011, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Rev. Takuze Chitsulo from Malawi began to study at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in South Africa. In 2016, he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies and one year later, he was appointed as the new Principal of Zomba Theological College in Blantyre, Malawi. The Rev. Dr. Chitsulo sees his appointment as an opportunity to give back to the Malawian community. In thanking the PCC, he said "You didn't only educate me, but you taught the whole church in Malawi."

Presbyterians Sharing invests in partnership

Enjoying school and pursuing dreams

Zindaba's story is not uncommon in many Malawian communities—children want to go to school but their families can't afford the fees. Zindaba feels very fortunate that her aunt paid for her first two years at school, a time the girl recalls with great joy. "The teachers were good and encouraged us a lot," she shares. Unfortunately, the expense became too great a struggle for her aunt. When Zindaba had to drop out, she never imagined she'd make it to university, but education support from PWS&D helped Zindaba pay her school fees and gave her support to pursue her dreams. Today, proudly displaying her university class scores, a smiling Zindaba talks about training to be an accountant.

PWS&D promotes the right to education for all