



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 4, Sunday, March 11, 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: 442

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that everyone who has faith in him, may not perish but have new life now and forever, we join together to give you thanks for your enduring love. Glory be to you, O Lord, for the marvellous things that you have done and continue to do for your creatures.

Like our ancestors wandering in the wilderness, sometimes we grow impatient and lose our trust in you; sometimes fear and mistrust get the best of us and we respond harshly or panic or run and hide; sometimes we do not turn your light on ourselves as carefully as we do on the conduct of others; sometimes we live as though you are far away and had never come to live among us; sometimes, knowing well what you want us to do, we do other things. Heal 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: 656, 206 (2) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: There is a green hill far away Don Besig

Lessons: Numbers 21: 4-9 (p.130); Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-10 (p.110); John 3: 14-21 (p.81)

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: 189 (unannounced) (paraphrase of Gospel reading)

Sermon – The Ascension of Glory

PWS&D Lenten Reading – see insert

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: 231 (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: Marg Bingley

Usher: Eldon Weeks

Beadle: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Kathy Sloan

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Wade MacDonald

Children's Time: Kate Watson

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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

Wed: 3:15 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry; 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

Once again we welcome the Rev. Don Mews to our 10:30 a.m. service. Don and his family are a part of our congregation.

The minister is participating today in the services at St. Andrew's Church, Lunenburg and St. Matthew's Church, West Dublin.

On Thursday afternoon, the minister will be at Knox College, Toronto to attend a Board meeting.

The Rev. James Goldsmith of Fonthill, Ontario, who was the minister of St Andrew's 1962-67 died on March 2 in Welland, Ontario at the age of 91. His picture is in our church lobby.

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 today or by contacting Dan or Cynthia McKeen at 902-461-1275 or at danmckeen@bellaliant.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. Let us aim to 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.

There is a sheet in the lobby for persons to sign who would be willing to take the family on an outing to the following places: Discovery Centre, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, hockey game, bowling or Play land.

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.

Calendar:

March 25 10:30 a.m. The Road to Calvary

March 29 6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion in the Hall
Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

March 30 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service

April 1 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (may be on Golf Course) & breakfast in Hall; please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend;
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion; 4:00 p.m. Holy Communion ½ hour service.

March 11: Liftoff Evangelism Network

Imagine what it would be like if each congregation in The Presbyterian Church in Canada was intentional about equipping their members to share their faith and to invite others to experience the fullness of life in Christ. Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Canadian Ministries is spearheading a program to turn this dream into a reality. In October 2017, five congregational leaders from across the country gathered to learn more about evangelism and to begin crafting the first stages of projects to take back to their congregations. These leaders will be supported through one-on-one coaching as they begin their work in evangelism over the next year. This meeting between leaders is a first step towards developing a network that will support a culture of evangelism in local congregations across Canada.

Presbyterians Sharing equips congregations for evangelism