



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 5, Sunday, March 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: 321

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God our Creator who has bound yourself to us in your covenants, we honour you. Lord Jesus Christ who draws us to yourself, we praise you. Holy Spirit who writes your law of love on our hearts, we glorify you.

In the words of the poet we open our hearts to you: "Have mercy on me according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a new heart, O God, and sustain in me a generous spirit;" 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: 674, 206 (2) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (p.694); Psalm 51: 1-12; Hebrews 5: 5-10 (p.194); John 12: 20-33 (p.93)

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: 33 (Tune: 1) (unannounced) (paraphrase of Psalm 51)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

Hymn: 677 (all seated)

PWS&D Lenten Reading

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: 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: Ricky Sloan

Usher: Erin Sloan

Beadle: Bill Langley

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Ian Murray

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Eldon Weeks

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry; 7:00 p.m. Guild

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

Sat: 10:00 a.m. Rehearsal for The Road to Calvary

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

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.

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)

April 22 2-4 p.m. Spring Tea & Sale – Hall

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 \$6,000. Thus \$4,000 is needed to reach this goal. Please consider making a gift in 2018. The Principal will preach here on April 15, 2018. Perhaps 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.

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: e.g. Discovery Centre, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, hockey game, bowling or Play land.

Blunose 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.

March 18: Smiling again

Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam's health has been restored. "I am so happy to see him smile again," shares Pursottam's brother. "We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital."

PWS&D responds to illness with care and courage

March 25: Equipping congregations through webinars

Are you interested in learning about digital giving? Church renewal? Sharing your congregation's story in inspiring ways? Moving forward with your church's vision? The PCC's webinars provide online learning opportunities that equip congregations on topics relating to leadership, renewal and stewardship. Each webinar is free, made possible by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. It's easy to register and participate. Each webinar is recorded and posted online for viewing at any time. To find out about upcoming webinars, visit presbyterian.ca/webinar-wednesday.

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