



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Forth Sunday in the 50 Great Days of Easter, April 22, 2018

Service colour: White

Good Shepherd 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: 691 (paraphrase of Psalm 23)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Blessed are you, O God, for sending Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together, to feed us with the food of your love, to take us to waters that quench our thirst for meaning, hope and purpose, and to lead us away from dangerous ledges and deep valleys that cause much trouble for us. Blessed are you, Good Shepherd, for enabling us to lie down in green pastures and for restoring our souls.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep: we have followed too much the notions and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things that we ought not to have done.

When we neglect you, remind us that through our baptism, we are called to love and serve you. When we are frightened, give us courage. When we are tempted, give us power to resist. When we are anxious, grant us your peace. When we grow weary in serving, give us energy and enthusiasm, 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: 347, 485 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: God's Peace Beach Spring/M.J. Dawn/C.J. Adams

Lessons: Acts 4: 5-10 (p.105); Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16-18, 23-24 (p.213);

John 10: 11-18 (P.90)

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: 699 (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: 11 (unannounced) (paraphrase of Psalm 23)

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: Alex Bruce

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Lesley Waugh

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Jean St-Pierre

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tues: 11:30 a.m. Halifax-Lunenburg Presbyterial of the AMS. Speaker: Joan Cho, Editor of the Presbyterian Message magazine. All welcome.

Wed: 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 6:30 p.m. Choir; 7:00 p.m. Refugee Ministry Committee

Sat: 8:30 a.m. Mission Breakfast (see below); 3:00 p.m. Concert (see below)

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

Calendar:

April 28 8:30 a.m. Annual Mission Breakfast sponsored by the Youth Group. Theme: Refugee Family Ministry. The Ahmad family will be present! Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Saturday – April 28 – 3 p.m.

The Basso Nova Chamber Players. *Cellos Through Time, Cello Duos performed by Catherine Little and Colin Matthews*; Catherine and Colin will take listeners on a musical journey through the ages, starting almost 400 years ago and ending with music from 2018. Colin and Catherine are anything but your idea of stuffy classical musicians – they deliver concerts that are top-notch but casual, informative and fun! Tickets at the door, \$15; \$10 (Seniors); 18 and under free. Catherine is the daughter of Jim and Alexis Little; she is related to June Yetman and Jamie Leck.

Church Calendar:

May 6 Ascension Sunday

May 13 Christian Family Sunday; Holy Communion

May 20 Pentecost; Holy Communion

May 27 Trinity Sunday

June 10 Rev. Iona MacLean

June 17 Church School Closing and Congregational Picnic

Our welcoming of a family from Syria: Last July, we welcomed Moamar and Sabah Ahmad, and their two children: Zainab (4) – a girl and Hussam (3) – a boy. If you wish to help with our welcoming of this family 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 such places as: e.g. Discovery Centre, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, bowling or Play land.

Camp Geddie is looking forward to receiving registrations for 2018 summer camps. The minister has details or check the website.

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.

Easing suffering in Bangladesh

Since the outbreak of state-led violence against the Rohingya minority in Myanmar’s Rakhine state, Safiri has been living in fear. Her husband was shot and her entire village burned to the ground. One night, fearing an attack by members of the army, she fled with her children across dangerous countryside to the Balukhai camp in Bangladesh. Their arrival brought new challenges—shelter conditions were miserable and food, water and sanitation services scarce. Safiri’s story of suffering is hard to grasp, but her needs for survival are very real. PWS&D, alongside Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is helping Rohingya refugees like Safiri meet their basic needs and find hope that life will once again be normal.

PWS&D responds to meet the needs of refugees

Earth Day

After an especially dry summer in Badin, Pakistan, subsistence farmers have seen their agricultural land and kitchen gardens suffer. Struggling to grow crops in a changing climate, farmers and their families sink deeper into hunger and poverty. With the aim of improving food security for drought-affected families, a PWS&D project is teaching cost-effective, soil-friendly farming methods in the community. Through the project, Bachlan learned a new method of irrigation to grow her spinach, tomatoes and radishes. She buries old pitchers in her garden and fills them with water, which then percolates into the soil. “This ensures a productive growth of vegetables in our gardens through the year,” reports Bachlan. This resourcefulness is helping farmers care for creation while continuing to harvest fruitful yields.

PWS&D helps farmers adapt to a changing climate