



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in the Great 50 Days of Easter, April 8, 2018

Service colour: White

Mission Awareness 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: 249

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Holy and gracious God, we gather here today to lift our hearts to You in worship. We acknowledge that you are our Creator, our Saviour, and our Friend. You have created and shaped us in love. You offer us forgiveness, guidance and the power to be all that you call us to be. Your presence with us is as sure as the air we breathe.

We confess that often we see little beyond ourselves and the ways of the world, forgetting to show love for others and shying away from doing what you ask us to do. You call us to share the light of your love in the dark and needy places of your world but often we get discouraged or afraid. Grant to us your grace and strength; 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".

Anthem: *Lord of the Dance*

Prayer for Understanding

Camp Geddie Ministry: Livia Barkhouse

Hymn: 773, 667 (**all seated**) Children go to class after hymns today

Lessons: Acts 4: 32-35 (p.106); Psalm 146; June Yetman

1 John 1: 1-2.2 (p.211); John 20: 19-29 (p.101) Bernice Ross

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.

Presentation on Mission: Lois Dewar, Isabelle Young, Dawn Hemsworth, & Ricky Sloan

Hymn: 767 (unannounced)

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: 661 (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: Mary Pyche

Usher: Gregg Lambert

Beadle: Marg Bingley

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Eldon Weeks

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Conducting the Service: Cheryl Weeks

Participating: AMS & Outreach Committee members

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. Guild

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

Today is Mission Awareness Sunday. On this day and the last Sunday of September we place emphasis on our various ministries through St. Andrew's congregation. Part of the service has been drawn from the resources supplied by the Atlantic Mission Society.

Calendar:

April 15 10:30 a.m. Rev. Professor Dr. John Vissers, Principal of Knox College; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour & Birthday cake.

April 21 2-4 p.m. Spring Tea & Sale – Hall All Welcome!

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

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.

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. We are now over the \$50,000 goal through gifts from individuals! Thanks be to God!

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 Playland.

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.

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

The minister is at church meetings in Toronto and is conducting a brief Memorial service for Roy Allen Bragg in St. Catharines ON on Saturday evening.

Presbyterians Sharing is the main way in which we engage in the mission of the Church. Presbyterians Sharing is the budget of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

If \$100 is given to Presbyterians Sharing on a Sunday, \$40 is for equipping and supporting congregations

- \$14 is for international ministries
- \$15 is for our three colleges, Canada Youth, Leadership Training
- \$8 is for the church government and relationships with partners like the World Council of Churches
- \$10 is for finance, administration and fund raising
- \$3 is for justice issues such as healing and restoration with aboriginal people
- \$8 is for specialized ministries including indigenous ministries

The 2018 budget is almost 9 million dollars. Our Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary gives support to Presbyterians Sharing. Many households in St. Andrew's make gifts for our 2018 goal of \$41,500. No provision is made in the Operating Fund Budget for Presbyterians Sharing; our \$41,500 comes from households either through PAR or envelopes. Please pray for all the ministries made possible through gifts made to Presbyterians Sharing.

A shining light

Inspired by the words in Matthew's gospel, Lighthouse Arabic Ministry is a shining light in the city of Winnipeg, inviting all to see how great and wonderful God is. The congregation is known for providing newly arrived Arabic speaking immigrants with a spiritual home and support through Christian community. This ministry, supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, is one of the PCC's most recent new church developments and has seen consistent growth since its founding. The ministry is broad, and reaches many. It is exciting to see people's lives change as they follow Jesus. For people struggling to adapt to Canadian society, it is truly a lighthouse offering direction and pointing to God's love.

Presbyterians Sharing is growing congregations