



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in the Great 50 Days of Easter, April 29, 2018

Service colour: White

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: 63

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Divine Gardener, we rejoice that you have planted the true Vine, Jesus, among us to be our Companion and Saviour. We are glad that you have made us branches of that Vine by our Baptism and that you sustain and refresh your branches by your gracious, abiding Spirit.

Divine Gardener, we realize that while you have called us to bear fruit, sometimes pruning is needed in our lives; remove those things in our lives that keep us from being what you would have us be. Enable us to abide in you so that we bear the fruit of your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; 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: 250 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: I Come to the Cross B. Batstone/B. Soruma/J. Schrader

Lessons: Acts 8: 26-40 (p.110); Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21 (p.213);

John 15: 1-8 (p.95)

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: 374 (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: 262 (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: Gerry Archibald

Usher: Nancy Archibald

Beadle: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Kathy Sloan

Accompanist: Helen Martin

Audio: Luke Campbell

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wed: 10:30 a.m. Presbytery, First Sackville Church; 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs. 1:00 p.m. AMS at Kinross Hall Roll Call Word: Faith

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

Vacation Bible Camp July 9 – 13 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 4 – 10

Singing, Bible stories, Games, Crafts, Snacks, Worship, Skits. Registration forms in the lobby.

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, Moamar and Sabah Ahmad, and their two children: Zainab (4) – a girl and Hussam (3) – a boy came to our community. 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 MINISTRY. If you wish to help with the cost of their getting a car, please mark your envelope: car cost.

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 the 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.

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

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

Iona Church Tea and Sale May 11 2-4 p.m.