



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6th Sunday in the Great 50 Days of Easter, May 6, 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: 265 (vs. 1 – 4)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Kind Creator, loving Saviour, guiding Spirit: we come together to honour you, O God, the one who has left us and yet is still with us, the One who has come and yet comes to us each day.

O merciful God, on this day we celebrate your Son's coming home to you so that he would always be close to each of us to give us help and guidance; we seek that guidance now and always. May your voice be heard by us more strongly than any other voice; may your will be dearer to us than any other desire; may your purpose for us mean more to us than any other ambition. Help us to see what things are important and what things do not matter even though the world holds them dear. Help us to speak and act, not to please others, but to please you; help us to walk, not looking for the approval of others, but with our eyes joyfully fixed on Jesus, our Friend, in whose name we pray. 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: 746 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: "O God beyond all praising" M. Perry/G. Holst

Lessons: Acts 1: 1-11 (p.102); Psalm 47; 1 John 5: 1-6 (p.213); John 15: 9-17 (p.96)

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: 267 (vs. 2-5) (unannounced)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 325 (This is Battle of the Atlantic Sunday) **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: 274 (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: Alex Bruce

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Janet Holden

Accompanists: C. Weeks & P.A. McDonald

Audio: Dr. Nancy McNeil

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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

Tues: 1:00 p.m. Guild luncheon at Brightwood

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

Today is Ascension Sunday; Ascension Day is Thursday, May 10, which is 40 days after Easter.

Tonight: 7:00 p.m. TAIZE Prayer Service – St. John's United Church, 6199 Chebucto Rd; use St. Matthias Lane entrance.

7:30 p.m. Grace United Church "Here's to Song" Dartmouth Choral Society

No parking next door in the Brightwood lot until the end of October. Thank you!

Saturday, May 12 Iona Church: 2 – 4 p.m. Tea & Sale

Sunday, May 13 Consider wearing a flower; May 13 is Christian Home/Family Sunday.

The minister is attending Board meetings at Knox College this week together with his 50th Class Reunion at Knox College. He is also visiting former parishioners.

Church Calendar:

May 13 Christian Home Sunday; Holy Communion

May 20 Pentecost; Holy Communion

May 27 Trinity Sunday

June 10 Rev. Iona MacLean will preach at 10:30 a.m. service

June 17 Church School Closing and Congregational Picnic

Our welcoming of a family from Syria: In July 2017, 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.

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.

A dynamic gathering of youth

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the vibrant ministry of Canada Youth. Every two years, hundreds of participants join together from across our denomination to celebrate their energetic faith. This remarkable event in July unites youth, young adults, church leaders and guests from around the world for five days of soul-satisfying worship, unique expressions of faith in large and small groups, dynamic keynotes and workshops, vibrant faith exploration and joyful celebration! CY is a gathering place for all kinds of enthusiastic Presbyterians to worship, play, create, learn, make new friends, study scripture, and share joy. More than 4,000 folks have attended CY since it began and the impact of its ministry has been felt in our camps, congregations, and courts.

Presbyterians Sharing equips Presbyterian youth

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