



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**7th Sunday in the Great 50 Days of Easter, May 13, 2018**

**Service Colour: White**

**Christian Home Day**

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: 434

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God, our Creator, we thank you for the gifts that you have given to us to use and enjoy. Forgive us when in selfish moments we waste your gifts.**

**Lord Jesus, our Friend, we thank you for loving us and for giving us a new family that we call "the church"; forgive us when we do not love you, when we do not show care and respect for others, and when we hurt one another.**

**Holy Spirit of God, we thank you for being our companion and for leading us. Help us when we try to live without your help and when we wander away from the wise guidance that you give us in the Bible; in 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: 441 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 (p.103); Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13 (p.214);

John 17: 6-19 (p.97)

**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: 701 (unannounced) (paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

Prayer

The Offertory; **The Creed** (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving (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.**

Prayer...saying in unison:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer...and the Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

**All (sung): Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (2)**

The Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the feast and for the faithful in the past

Hymn: 703 (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:** Linda Russell

**Usher:** Jim Russell

**Beadle:** Mike Laveck

**Elevator Guide:** Jim Kennedy

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Reader:** Mike Laveck

**Audio:** Luke Campbell

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour with Birthday cake

**Tues:** 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wed:** 6:30 p.m. Choir

**Sun:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. – Worship, Special Class, Pentecost – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion: There is wine in the metal Chalices and grape juice in the glass containers. The server at the Chancel stairs has gluten free crackers and grape juice.

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

#### Church Calendar:

May 20 Pentecost; Holy Communion

May 27 Trinity Sunday

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

June 17 Church School Closing and Congregational Picnic

Edna Langille, who has been a professing member of St Andrew's since April 15, 1962, died on May 9. She was very active for many years in the choir and the AMS Auxiliary.

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.

These Days - the daily devotional booklet: it is renewal time and also the time for new subscribers to buy a subscription for the period July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. For each day there is a Bible reading, a meditation and a prayer. Cost per year: \$13.64; large print: \$15.74. Jean Bartholomew is our "These Days" Secretary. Payment: a cheque to "St. Andrew's Church".

#### **International Day of Families (May 15)**

When families are able to form safe and nurturing relationships, meet their basic needs and lift each other up, it can have a significant impact on a country's well-being and development. On the International Day of Families, we reflect on the importance of responding to families facing hunger, poverty and injustice across the globe. The compassionate youth at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Beaconsfield, QC know how important it is to empower vulnerable families to achieve their full potential. The group filled a piggy bank with \$144 for PWS&D's Farming for the Future Sunday School Challenge, which equips rural families in Guatemala with seeds, tools and training to improve their food security and nutrition.

*PWS&D connects Canadians to the needs of families across the globe*

#### **A miracle of abundance**

Like those who witnessed Jesus feeding the five thousand, members of the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry have experienced a miracle of abundance. The four separate congregations were each struggling in their own way until they came together to grow as one. Through Presbyterians Sharing, these partners in ministry are now sharing their gifts in ways that enhance, inspire, and build their communities. One of the congregations with established gifts in youth ministry recently sent a youth team to another ministry in the region to help them run a Vacation Bible School. What started out as a kind gesture ended up inspiring new leadership and sparking a whole new children's ministry where there was none before. This is just one example of how these congregations, through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, are growing together to share God's love.

*Presbyterians Sharing shares the love of God*