



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 3, 2018**

**Service colour: Green**

**General Assembly 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: 654

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God, far beyond ability to define, we gather with a sense of awe and reverence to offer you a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving! Glory be to you for the gift of life; glory be to you for your tenderness and wisdom revealed to us in Jesus; glory be to you for the presence of your Spirit, leading us to seek what is just, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.**

**O God, giver of light and peace, we confess that we have sinned against you and against others in attitude, speech and deed. Forgive us, we pray, for our actions for which others find it difficult to forgive us, for the things that we have done for which we cannot forgive ourselves, for the things that sometimes in our folly we try to hide from you, for the heartbreak that we have caused others, for any time that we made it easier for someone else to choose the wrong path, and for the harm that we have done and can never undo; 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: 773, 706 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: Over My Head

Lessons: Genesis 28: 10-22 (p.23); Psalm 23 in unison (second version – King James Version); Matthew 28: 16-20 (p.29)

**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: 188 (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: 330 (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:** Isabelle Young

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Choir Director:** Cheryl Weeks

**Reader:** Helen Paterson

**Accompanist:** Helen Martin

**Audio:** Luke Campbell

**Children's Time:** Kate Watson

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

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Worship; 11:30 a.m. Youth Group in kitchen

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

We are pleased once again to welcome the Rev. Dr. W.G. Sydney McDonald of Halifax to our 10:30 service. He is a retired minister of our church.

Church Calendar:

June 9 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Special Open House at Brightwood next door

June 10 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion; Rev. Iona MacLean will preach the sermon; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour and Birthday cake

June 16 eve. Adult Fellowship Group at the Barkhouse residence in Fall River. Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

June 17 10:30 a.m. Church School Closing; 11:25 a.m. Congregational Meeting; 11:30 a.m. Picnic in Hall and on lawn. Hot dogs, ice cream and hot and cold drinks will be provided. If you are able, please bring sandwiches, fruit, veggies, cookies, or cheese and crackers ready to serve.

No parking on Sundays in the Brightwood lot next door until November.

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.

The General Assembly of our church meets June 3 – 6 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. The minister, the Rev. Michael Veenema, of Canning, N.S., Cheryl E. Weeks and Davida Mackay of The Presbyterian Church of St. David in Halifax are the Commissioners for The Prebytery of Halifax and Lunenburg. Please pray for all commissioners. The new moderator will likely be the Rev. Daniel Cho of Toronto.

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.

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.

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.

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

### **With glad and generous hearts**

The theme of this year's General Assembly is With Glad and Generous Hearts. This past year, a design team was established to work with the General Assembly Office to plan the 2018 event. Team member the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls shares that "sitting through an Assembly can be both inspiring and tiring," so the team "imagined ways to help accomplish the business of the Assembly, while creating more spaciousness of timing and a more humane schedule." This includes time for mini-breaks, table discussion groups, and sessions that include visuals and sound to appeal to different learning modes. A consensus decision-making model will create a more inclusive process of discernment. When Presbyterians gather together with glad and generous hearts, much can be accomplished!

*Presbyterians Sharing brings Presbyterians together at General Assembly*

### **Creating new paths of generosity**

In April, members of the Stewards by Design planning committee attended the "Pathways to Generosity" conference at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. They were inspired by dynamic worship, a diverse group of keynote speakers and workshops on topics ranging from preaching stewardship, narrative budgets, stewardship and social media, legacy giving and the stewardship of creation. The team also met with Dr. Kennon Callahan, keynote speaker for the next Stewards by Design conference planned for May, 2019. Members returned home ready to create new paths of generosity in the PCC's stewardship ministry.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports leadership development*