



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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17th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 16, 2018

Service colour: Green

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: 467 (paraphrase of Psalm 103)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, our maker and keeper, our redeemer and companion, our teacher and guide, we gather on this the day of resurrection to celebrate your grace and wisdom, to confess our sins, to receive your word for us, and to declare again our faith in your way for us through our gifts and prayers. For the joy and blessing of worship with your people, we give you praise.

O God of mercy, when we do not follow your ways, forgive us and bring us back to you. When we allow self-concerns to come ahead of all other concerns, forgive us and bring us back to you. When we have spoken at a time when silence was the better choice and when we have been silent when our voice needed to be heard, forgive us and bring us back to you.

May the words of our mouths and the motives and attitudes of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our Redeemer. 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 442

Hymn: 421 (2) (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Anthem: Praise the Lord, His Glories Show David Lantz

Lessons: Acts 8: 26-39 (p.110); Romans 10: 8-15 (p.140)

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.

Sermon – The World for Christ

The Offertory Hymn 769 (Tune: 410) (all seated); **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)

Installation of AMS Officers

Hymn: 267 (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: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Linda MacKinnon

Audio: Eldon Weeks

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry; Presbytery at Hardwood Lands Church

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

Today we welcome the Atlantic Mission Society and the Moderator of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, the Rev. Derek Krunys of St. Andrew's Church in St. John's, NL.

Flowers in loving memory of Catherine Bruce who died on September 12, 2015, were placed by her husband Alex, son Robert and daughter Margaret Anne.

Pearl Goodman, who became a professing member of St Andrew's on October 4, died on Sept. 5.

Next Sunday 11:30 a.m. Pizza and Birthday Cake; please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

Ladies' Guild Thursday, Sept. 27 1:00 p.m.

World Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 7

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.

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.

Winter in War-Torn Syria

With Syria facing its seventh year of conflict, the humanitarian situation in the country continues to deteriorate. Caught in the middle of a war zone in central Syria, Rabeha was living a nightmare. Her brother had been killed and her mother lost her legs when the family's home was destroyed. Rabeha's father suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed. Unable to secure a job, Rabeha couldn't afford food, medicine for her parents or heat for the winter. The family endured cold, hungry nights before they enrolled in a Presbyterian World Service & Development food aid project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Now that her family receives food baskets, Rabeha is saving money for other needs and was able to face the harsh winter with greater peace of mind.

PWS&D responds to families displaced by conflict

Planting new seeds of ministry

As a symbol of the Kingdom of God, Jesus shares the image of a small mustard seed that, when planted by a sower, turns into a large and life-giving tree. After helping to grow a successful new ministry at Heritage Green Family Church in Stoney Creek, ON, the Rev. David Moody has responded to God's call to help other churches sow new ministry seeds. With the support of Presbyterians Sharing through Canadian Ministries, The Presbytery of Hamilton has called the Rev. Moody to serve as a replanting minister, guiding and journeying with congregations as they discern and implement new visions for their ministries.

Presbyterians Sharing supports church growth