



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 23, 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: 299

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, we come together in response to your invitation to us. We rejoice that you welcome all of us and encourage us to welcome one another in your name. We gather to honour you for your greatness, grace, and love and to glorify you for helping us to see and celebrate the precious worth of each person.

O God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, we confess that we have let many things come between us and your way for us. We admit that sometimes anger, carelessness, and busy schedules come between us and our loved ones. We confess that we make errors in our life together as your church. We admit that we think too much about our own greatness and fail to remember that we are your servants for your work in your world.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward except that of knowing that we do your will; 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: 466, 698 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer

Lessons: Psalm 1; James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a (p.203); Mark 9: 30-37 (p.39)

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: 1 (unannounced) (paraphrase of Psalm 1)

Sermon – The Ascension 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: 635 (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: Lois Dewar

Usher: Murdo MacKay

Beadle: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Janet Holden

Audio: Eldon Weeks

Accompanist: Cheryl Weeks

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship hour with pizza and birthday cake

Wed: 9:15 a.m. FOOD; 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. Guild (in kitchen)

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

Pearl Goodman, who became a professing member of St. Andrew's on Oct. 4, 1992, died on Sept. 5.

Sunday, Oct. 7 World Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

Saturday, Nov. 3 2-4 p.m. Tea & Sale

Fostering discipleship

With the support of a coach, provided through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Église St- Luc's leadership team in Montreal is learning ways to evangelize and foster discipleship beyond Sunday mornings. They started with one mid-week Bible sharing group, which quickly grew to three, and now a fourth is in the works. Like Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13, members of Église St-Luc are actively sharing the gospel, and the good news of Christ's saving power is spreading "like wildfire all through the region" (v.49; The Message).

Presbyterians Sharing engages in evangelism, outreach and discipleship