



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**First Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 12, 2020**

**Service colour: White**

**Baptism of Jesus 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: 168

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Creating and restoring God, we come together this day to celebrate the baptism of your Son, the beloved. We thank you for the gift of baptism, for through it we are assured that we are precious to you, that we belong to you forever, that we are closely linked to others in the family of Christ, and that we are appointed to be your arms, feet, hands, eyes, ears, and lips in your world.**

**O God, we confess that we sometimes hesitate to follow the example of Jesus. Wash from us anything that would make us deaf to your voice. Cleanse from us anything that would close our minds to your wisdom. Purify us of anything that would dim our vision of your peace. Take from us anything that would distract our hearts from your will for us. Remind us of the promises that you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace; 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: 144 (**all seated**) Children’s Time and Prayer

Lessons: Isaiah 42: 1-9 (p.630); Psalm 29 (maroon book);

Acts 10: 34-43 (p.113); Gospel of Matthew 3: 13-17 (p.3)

**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: 170

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 161; **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: 183

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:** Alex Bruce

**Usher:** Marg Stuart

**Carrying the Bible:** Kathy Sloan

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW’S**

**Today:** 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Mon:** 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee - Kitchen

**Thurs:** 1:00 p.m. Guild Guest Speaker: a representative of Hospice Halifax; all welcome!

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

The minister will be on vacation Jan. 16 – 29. If the help of a minister is needed, contact the Clerk of Session, Cheryl E. Weeks 902-435-4112.

Annual Meeting: March 8

Elected as Elders: Ross Barkhouse, Megan Douglas, Nancy Heighton, Murdo MacKay, Nancy McNeil, & Eldon Weeks. Please pray for these persons as they receive training for being Session members.