



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday after Epiphany, February 2, 2020

Service colour: Green

Presbyterian World Service & Development 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: 528

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

M. Caring God, we are the work of your hands,

C. but we do not use our hands to do your work.

M. You have given us hands for building,

C. but we use them to set up barriers.

M. You have given us hands for sharing,

C. but we use them to grab what we can.

M. You have given us hands for looking after your garden,

C. but we use them to sow the seeds of discord.

M. You have given us hands to welcome others,

C. but we use them to hold others at a distance.

M. You have given us hands to feel the gifts of creation,

C. but we use them to twist creation out of shape.

M. You have given us hands to feed the hungry,

C. but we use them to take more than we need.

M. You have given us hands for mending,

C. but we use them to take apart what is woven together.

M. You have given us hands to raise up in praise,

C. but we keep them firmly in our pockets.

M. You have given us hands to join with others,

C. but we use them to hide our faces from each other and from you.

All: From you, O God, we seek your help and pardon. 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: 726, 705 (**all seated**) Children’s Time and Prayer

Lessons: Micah 6: 1-8 (p.819); Psalm 15 (maroon book);

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (p.145); Gospel of Matthew 5: 1-12 (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: 717

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory

The Offertory Hymn: 723; **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: 722

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

Carrying the Bible: Alex Bruce

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Gregg Lambert

Audio: Ross Barkhouse

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW’S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour & Birthday Cake

Mon: 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. AMS Roll Call Word: Love/Charity;
7:00 p.m. Personnel & Planning Committee

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

Valentine Muffin Party & Book Sale Thursday Feb. 13 10-11:30 a.m.

67th Anniversary Celebration – March 1 Pizza Lunch!

Annual Meeting - March 8

This is Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday. The back of the bulletin has material about PWS&D on it. For many years St. Andrew's has given strong support to this Fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Please pray for the PWS&D staff.

Byron Sarson, who became a professing member of St. Andrew's on Feb. 1, 1991, died on January 21. The funeral was held yesterday. Byron served as an elder from 1995 until taking a leave of absence because of ill health in June 2014. He served on several committees and sang in the Kilted Choir.

Jamey Walsh, who became a professing member of St. Andrew's on Dec. 16, 1990, died on January 27, 2020. Jamey was involved in the work of the Youth Group, Church School and Finance and Stewardship Committee since he became a professing member. The service is on Feb. 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Sally MacDonald, the mother of Lisa Glennie, died on January 31 in Halifax. She participated in the life of St. Andrew's many years ago. The memorial service is here at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Philip Daniels, the father of Erin Sloan, died on January 26; a graveyard service was held on January 31.

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.

Passing of the Peace – In our services, we pass the peace using only the word “peace” or the words “peace of Christ”. In this act, we show our willingness to mirror the peace of Christ in our own living. Our “fellowship/friendship greeting” takes place either before or after the service.

Please save used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Leave a 1/4” margin. Please leave the stamps in the lobby.

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.

Boxes of offering envelopes: whenever you run out of offering envelopes, contact Lesley Waugh 902-463-1939 or e-mail her lwaugh4600@hotmail.com or sign the sheet in the lobby.

Cooperatives combat effects of climate change

Ever since the devastating Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti in 2016, Lucsius faced his share of challenges. His community in northern Haiti sustained weeks of heavy rains that washed away his vegetable crop and caused his soil to become degraded. The farmer wondered if he would ever harvest a good crop again. Lucsius's circumstances changed when his farming cooperative started receiving support from PWS&D partners. Along with 2,308 farmers in the region, Lucsius participated in workshops where he was taught to use sustainable, organic farming techniques—like using mulch and planting trees—to restore his soil's fertility and grow enough food, despite the effects of climate change. Lucsius has been thrilled with the fruits of these newly discovered agricultural techniques.

PWS&D helps farmers improve lives and livelihoods

PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On February 2, we celebrate PWS&D and the meaningful work being done around the world to bring hope to those experiencing poverty, hunger and oppression. Farmers and their families in Haiti, Nicaragua and Pakistan are learning innovative farming practices to help cope with a changing climate and rise above hunger. Maternal and child mortality rates continue to decrease in Malawi and Afghanistan. Refugees have received support overseas and been welcomed to new homes in Canada. These stories of transformation are possible because of the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Thank you!

PWS&D is thankful for your generous support