



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 3, Sunday, March 15, 2020

Service colour: Purple

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: 198

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

God, our Maker, you give us life through the precious gift of water. Jesus, our living water, you wash away our sins by the marvellous gift of your grace. Holy Spirit, our Guide, you remind us of the presence and peace of God when our path is rocky, when emptiness seems to be all about us, when our journey seems to have lost direction, and when some of our sources of comfort are gone.

O God, more ready to hear than we are to pray, forgive us when we quarrel without any good reason, when we pout because we don't get our own way, when we think only of ourselves, when we are quick to judge others, when we question your promises, and when we find it hard to receive and accept your love and grace. Fountain of life, quench our thirst for a refreshed relationship with you and one another, 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.

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 512 (**all seated**) Children's Time and Prayer (Senior class remain in church)

Anthem: Jesus walked this lonesome valley

Lessons: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p.59); Psalm 95 (maroon book);

Romans 5: 1-11 (p.135); Gospel of John 4: selected verses (p. 82)

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: 240 (v.1-3)

Sermon – The Ascription of Glory – PWS&D Lenten Reading

The Offertory Hymn: 297 (Tune: 269); **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: 754 (Tune: 410)

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

Carrying the Bible: Kathy Sloan

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks

Reader: Janet Holden

Audio: Ross Barkhouse

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Today: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wed: 6:30 p.m. Choir

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

April 9 6:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper & Service in Hall. Please sign sheet in lobby if you plan to attend.

Blessed are the peacemakers

Shaun MacDonald was inspired to be an instrument of God's peace by the prayer of St. Francis. He decided to put that into action by serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Hebron, Palestine. From October 2019 to January 2020, Shaun provided a protective presence, monitored human rights violations, and supported local peace and human rights groups as he witnessed life under occupation. Most importantly, he visited Palestinian families and shop keepers to learn their stories so he could share them with Canadians upon his return. The World Council of Churches created the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel in 2002. Since then, over 1,800 accompaniers from 22 countries have participated. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support this important ministry.

Presbyterians Sharing promotes peace in the Middle East