



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Pentecost 20, Sunday, October 11, 2020**

**Service colour: Green**

**Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able are invited to stand)

Bible Sentence

Lighting of the Christ Candle (after which all will be seated)

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God, our Creator, we gather to celebrate the harvest and to glorify You for the fulfilment of your promise that, as long as the earth lasts, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter will never cease.**

**Providing God, though You have surrounded us with many gifts, we never seem to have enough and keep striving to get more and more. Being thankful gets set aside because of our pursuit of selfish goals. We admit that much of the good seed sown in us by Your Spirit, working in other people such as parents and teachers, has not yielded the fruit that you intended us to bear. So touch our lives that we may bear the fruits of Your nourishing Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 441

Lessons: Psalm 65: 9-13; Hymn 806 (Tune: 569); Philippians 4: 4-9;

Luke 14: 16-24

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

Sermon

Hymn: 805 (Tune: 479)

The Offertory & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others

The Lord's Prayer (831) (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 802

The Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

**Elevator Guide:** Marg Bingley

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Reader:** Barb Cruickshank

**Audio:** Eldon Weeks, Ross Barkhouse

**Singers:** Mary Pyche, Josh Roy, Gregg Lambert, John Bartlett-Visser,  
Dr. David Campbell

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Tues:** 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

**Sun:** 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School

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### **Mission Moment – Equipping Families to Fight Food Insecurity**

In South Sudan, years of civil conflict have left much of the population without access to the food they need to live healthy lives. Rising food prices and loss of income due to COVID-19 are only increasing this deficit. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide 1,150 families with food assistance that will meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, families will receive farming inputs and fishing equipment so that, when the season is right for growing and fishing, they will have access to alternative sources of nutrition.

### **Ministry through art**

Working in partnership with Prairie Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg Inner City Missions has started a new arts ministry that celebrates Indigenous culture and art. Over the next few months, volunteers and Indigenous artists will be offering art classes to children with an emphasis on graffiti art. The art produced by the children will be used, in part, to create a large mural covering three sides of the Flora House garage (a WICM program space). The project will culminate in the spring with a weekend-long community event filled with games, activities, music, entertainment and food to celebrate and unveil the new mural.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports Indigenous ministries*

**Worship on Zoom**

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**Hymn: Can a little child like me #441**

1. Can a little child like me thank the Father fittingly?  
Yes, oh yes, be good and true, patient, kind in all we do;  
love the Lord and do our part; learn to say with all our heart:

**Refrain:** Saviour, we thank you, Spirit, we thank you,  
Great God our Maker, we thank you!

2. For our playing, for our rest, for the earth in beauty dressed,  
for the moon and sun so bright, for the day and for the night,  
for your patient, loving care, for your bounty everywhere.

Refrain:

3. For the laughter, for the tear, for the love that meets us here,  
for the lessons of our youth...honour, gratitude and truth –  
for the great gift of your Son, for your work in us begun:

Refrain:

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**Hymn: Give thanks, my soul, for harvest #805**

1. Give thanks, my soul, for harvest, for store of fruit and grain,  
but know the owner gives us that we may share again;  
where souls are lone and hungry, where needy children cry,  
with gifts from God's rich bounty may thankfulness reply.

2. Give thanks, my soul, for riches of woodland, mine and hill,  
but know that gold and timber are the Creator's still,  
and God's on loan to stewards to fashion and to share,  
providing all earth's children the blessing of God's care.

3. Give thanks, my soul, for labours that strength and days employ,  
but know your Maker's purpose brings toil as well as joy.  
Where leads the path to error, where justice lies in chain,  
where hoarders cause new hunger, there must we strive again.

4. Give thanks, my soul, for beauty, for vision, hope and skill,  
for Christ, divine revealer of God's redeeming will.  
Show forth, O God, your purpose; direct our will and hand  
to share your love and bounty with all, in every land.

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**Hymn: For the fruits of all creation #802**

1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are  
sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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