



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Pentecost 21, October 18, 2020**

**Service colour: Green**

**Students and Colleges Sunday**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Placing of the Bible by the Beadle (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence

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

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Holy and caring God, on this, the day of resurrection, we gather to catch a fresh glimpse of Your majesty, to gain new insight into Your way for us, to rejoice in Your mercy and grace, and to have communion with You through our prayers.**

**Before You and with one another, we make our confession. Though You made us, we sometimes act as though we were self-made, feeling no need to serve You, our Maker, no duty to follow You, our Teacher, and no responsibility to honour You, our Redeemer. Often we are confused and torn by our loyalty to You and the temptation to conform to our culture. When we face conflict between the two, enable us to have the courage to be faithful to You. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

**M.** The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

The Passing of the Peace – offer the words "Peace" or "The Peace of Christ".

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 64

Lessons: Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

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

Sermon followed by Hymn: 744

The Offertory, Living Faith 8: 4: 1-3 (all who are able standing); & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others

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

Hymn: 636 (Tune: 355)

The Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude

**Conducting the Service:** Mary Pyche, Gregg Lambert

**Elevator Guide:** Bill Langley **Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Audio:** Cheryl & Eldon Weeks

**Soloists:** Dr. David Campbell, John Bartlett-Visser

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

**Sun:** 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship &, Church School

Today is called Students and Colleges Sunday. On this day we pray our three colleges, the professors and the students preparing to become ministers and leaders in the church. Let us pray today for our student, Whitney Canning, as she continues her journey as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Please pray for her family - her spouse, Christopher and children Elizabeth and Archer, who was born on August 31.

The minister is at St. Andrew's Church, Rose Bay today.

### **Mission Moment – Investing in the Future of the Church**

Presbyterians Sharing supports the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon. For over a century, NEST has been a powerful witness in the Middle East, training nearly 90% of the Protestant ministers in the region. Students come from some of the most difficult places in the world to be Christian: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. NEST's President, Dr. George Sabra, shared, "The main concern of the church in the Middle East is how to remain here... We are preparing people to minister in situations where it is becoming very difficult for Christians to live." In faithfully partnering with NEST, we are investing in leadership development for the future of the church in the Middle East.

Please pray for NEST as it repairs its badly damaged building and navigates the political unrest following the August explosion in Beirut.

### **Spanish outreach ministry**

In summer of 2019, University Presbyterian Church in North York, Ont., launched a new worshipping community for Spanish-speakers. The ministry's leader, Julio, started by connecting with members of his own Hispanic community who are not attending church. With a team from his church, Julio has begun establishing small discipleship groups and outreach initiatives, including taco nights and a soccer league for children. Please pray for University Presbyterian Church, Julio, and leaders who are stepping out in faith to plant new ministries.

*Presbyterians Sharing is planting new ministries*

### **Be still and know that I am God #64**

1. Be still and know that I am God.  
(words repeated)
2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
(words repeated)
3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
(words repeated)

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### **Will your anchor hold #744**

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of live,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift or firm remain?  
**Refrain:** We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!
2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?  
Refrain:
3. Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
when life's storms are past forever more?  
Refrain:

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### **When voices are confusing #636**

1. When voices are confusing, when right and wrong are blurred,  
we need your help in choosing the way to be preferred;  
our feet are prone to wander in paths untrue, untried:  
O Christ, our strong commander, become our trusted guide.
2. When truth is hard to follow and fact is hard to find,  
when crowd appeals are shallow, reshape, renew our mind.  
Your ways we would be learning: oh make our choices clear,  
that we, the more discerning, the more may persevere.
3. Our lives are yours: oh take us and shape our destiny;  
through willing service make us all you would have us be.  
Confirm this high endeavour against the reign of strife;  
great Love, be ours forever, the Way, the Truth, the Life.

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