



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 24, Sunday, November 8, 2020

Service colour: Green

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Act of Remembrance:

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun we will remember them" Laurence Binyon

National Anthem – Silence – Royal Anthem (after which all will be seated)

Hymn: 330 vs. 1-5 (all seated)

Prayer of Adoration & For Pardon and Grace:

God of grace and wonder, you reveal your presence in radiant glory and gracious gentleness to this needy world. On mountain tops and lowly plains, you visit us. In classrooms and hospital beds, you visit us. In homes and in churches, on city streets and by flowing streams, you visit us with your transforming spirit.

Lord, we bring before you today those elements in our lives in need of your transforming power: that which we misuse or neglect; that which we most reluctantly let go of; that which acts out of fear rather than love; that which we believe is not good enough. God of vision, inspire us and disturb us to examine our deepest desires. Prepare us for your way and forgive us for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Uphold us in faithfulness and renew us with your mercy, so that we may walk more humbly with you each day. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 528 Jesus calls us here

Lessons: Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Gospel of Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon

The Offertory followed by Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others

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

Hymn: 726 May the God of hope

The Commissioning, Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

Welcoming: Cheryl Weeks, Mary Pyche, Gregg Lambert

Elevator Guide: Chris McDonald **Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Scott Watson

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Eldon Weeks

Soloist: John Bartlett-Visser

Conducting Services: Whitney Canning

Today: 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tues: 10 – 11:00 a.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

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

The minister is at St. Andrew's Church, Lunenburg this morning.

There is an offering plate at the top of the stairs in the lobby and one on the table in front of the Chancel stairs.

A fundraiser for St. Andrew's Operating Fund: There are masks in the lobby for those wishing to secure one. There are envelopes there for any wishing to make a donation.

Ladies' Guild - Bakeless Sale – Put your gift in an envelope marked "Bakeless Sale" or put it in "Other" part of your church envelope. This is a fundraiser for the Guild; the Guild helps St. Andrew's Operating Fund and some community groups.

Mission Moment – Providing More Than Medicine

When Devika first noticed something wrong with her leg, she visited her local hospital in Nepal to get it checked out, but after a few years, Devika's skin problems had gotten worse, not better. After visiting many clinics and traditional healers, Devika still couldn't find a solution. When she was just about to give up hope, Devika's friend suggested she visit the Shining Hospital. Supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, the hospital provides support, treatment and education for people suffering from leprosy. At the hospital, the staff diagnosed Devika's skin condition, provided the proper medicine and taught her about her condition. Today, Devika is thankful for the support she received!

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Hymn #330 O God, our help in ages past

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt
secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from ever lasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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Hymn # 528 Jesus calls us here to meet him

1. Jesus calls us here to meet him as, through word and song
and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence where his people live
and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who
calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears
attends.
2. Jesus calls us to confess him Word of Life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us
here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other: found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language: such are barriers he
derides.
Join the hands of friend and stranger; join the hands of age
and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for
truth.
4. Jesus calls us to his table rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven finds a common
meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body, share the love of which
we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners hosted by our Lord
and King.

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Hymn # 726 May the God of hope go with us

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's
new, faithful when we hear Christ's call .

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