



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2021

Service colour: **White**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

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

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Blessing and glory and honour and thanksgiving be given to you, O God, forever and ever. Holy Creator, loving Saviour, guiding Spirit, your goodness cannot be measured, your power cannot be described, and your grace cannot be contained.

O God, whose grace brings us meaning, hope, and peace, we place before you some of our needs: our need to be reminded that you make use of our talents for large purposes, our need to be reassured of our place in your heart and in the community of faith, our need to be encouraged when we feel overwhelmed by the challenges before us, and our need for forgiveness for any of our words and deeds that have hurt you, others, and ourselves. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to walk in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 187 (Tune: 370) (all seated)

Lessons: Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 (p.159); Mark 9: 2-9 (p.38)

Sermon

Prayers for Others

The Offertory Hymn: 186 (Tune: 410) (all seated)

The Creed (hymn book – inside front cover) & Prayer

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

Hymn: 549 (all seated)

The Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: *Go Now In Peace* (all seated)

Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Cheryl Weeks, Alex Bruce

Elevator Guide: Marg Bingley

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Gerry Archibald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Eldon Weeks

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Presbytery via ZOOM

Wed: 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service via ZOOM

Thurs: 7:30 p.m. Kirk Session via ZOOM

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

Ash Wednesday and Lent – Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 day church season called Lent. On Ash Wednesday we focus on sorrow for sin and our mortality as human creatures. Our service will be about 30 minutes in length. In the Lord's Supper we will focus on the suffering of our Lord in his dying for our sin and in his dying even as we all die. Please consider joining in this time of worship; have a wee bit of ash to mark your face, head or wrist during the service.

Mission Moment – A Meaningful Message

St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Creston, B.C., is a small, remote church tucked away in the Kootenay Valley. With a grant from Presbyterians Sharing to support ministry in remote communities, they called the Rev. Stephen Vangroonen to their congregation in the hope that he would help strengthen and grow their ministry. But shortly after he and his family arrived, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the congregation found itself adapting quickly to move their services online. Then, when churches were permitted to reopen, they had to adapt to the new health and safety protocols. Throughout it all, the Rev. Vangroonen has blessed St. Stephen's with a positive outlook, continually encouraging the new community he serves to trust God and share the love of Christ with others—a meaningful message during this turbulent time.

A Light in the Community

Kenora Fellowship Centre is one of nine Indigenous ministries supported by generous gifts made to Presbyterians Sharing. Known in the community as "Anamiewigummig," meaning House of Prayer in the Ojibway language, the drop-in centre offers basic essential services such as food, shelter, showers, clothing, laundry and transportation, in addition to offering skills training courses and health and wellness programs. Even more, the centre offers a place of hope, encouragement and safety for those who come through its doors, many of whom are displaced, living in poverty or struggling with addiction and mental health issues. Please pray that this ministry would continue to be a light in the community and a safe space where people can find the healing love of Christ.

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Hymn #186

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2. Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands
transfigured and complete.

3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine,
but true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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Hymn #549

1. For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by the call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3. With the holy ones before you,
feasting on your grace outpoured,
may the church now waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where now you send us,
may your kingdom come, O Lord.

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