



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 2, Sunday, February 28, 2021

Service colour: Purple

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle & PWS&D Lenten Reading

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

We praise you, O God, our Maker, for your help in the past, for your presence among us, and for the hope that you give to us. We honour you, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, for establishing the community of faith and for placing us in this community through the gift of Baptism. We glorify you, Holy Spirit, for drawing us closer to you and blessing us with guidance and strength. We gather this day to honour you for the covenant that you made with Sarah and Abraham and with us, their descendants in the family of faith.

O God, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive! Be patient with us when we forget to obey your call to us to set aside our focus on ourselves and to take up our cross and follow you. Remind us that new life, peace, and joy are found through our trust in you and our service in your name. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 814 (all seated)

Lessons: Genesis 17: 1-9a, 15-16 (p.12); Psalm 22: 23-31; Mark 8: 31-38 (p.38)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 678 (Tune: 825) (all seated)

Living Faith: 8.1.1 & Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 211 (all seated)

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: *Go Now In Peace* (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude

Welcoming Worshipper: Gerry & Nancy Archibald, Cheryl Weeks

Elevator Guide: Marg Bingley

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Ricky Sloan

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Eldon Weeks

Thurs: 1:30 p.m. AMS on ZOOM

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

Sunday, March 7 68th Anniversary; Congregation was formed on March 3, 1953; the building was erected in 1955 with an addition constructed in 1991.

Monday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting on ZOOM; reports will be available on the website and by email before then.

A reminder: please maintain social distancing as you leave the pews.

Mission Moment – Hygiene Kits Protect Families in Nicaragua

“As a family, we try to take all the necessary measures, like covering our nose when sneezing, avoiding shaking hands or going places where there might be large crowds. For many of the families in our community, it’s not possible to acquire protection materials like face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer or cleaning materials due to rising prices in the market. We are so thankful for all of you and the help you bring to our community.” Like many in Nicaragua, María struggles to access proper protection materials and cleaning products due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presbyterian World Service & Development, through local partners, is helping people like María and her whole community, receive hygiene and sanitation items, ensuring they are prepared to safely face the pandemic.

A ministry of care and companionship

Jesus showed care and compassion to those living on the margins of society, teaching us how to be a neighbour to everyone in need. In the same way, Boarding Homes Ministry strives to build community in the Greater Toronto area. Volunteers practice inclusion by visiting and sharing meals with people living in low-income housing, who are often isolated due to the stigmas of mental illness, addictions and poverty. The ministry also provides educational workshops for faith communities on how to be more welcoming and supportive to people who have experienced mental illness and trauma. *Presbyterians Sharing cares for vulnerable people*

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Hymn # 814

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird;
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning;
Born of the one light Eden saw play;
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation of the new day.

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Hymn # 678

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;

our faith is built upon thy promise free.
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

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Hymn: # 211

1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.

4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
'twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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