



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 4, Sunday, March 14, 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 Reading

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that everyone who has faith in him, may not perish but have new life now and forever, we join together to give you thanks for your enduring love. Glory be to you for the marvellous things that you have done and continue to do for your creatures.

Like our ancestors wandering in the wilderness, sometimes we grow impatient and lose our trust in you; sometimes fear and mistrust get the best of us and we respond harshly or run and hide; sometimes we do not turn your light on ourselves as carefully as we turn it on the conduct of others; sometimes we live as though you are far away and had never come to live among us; sometimes, knowing well what you want us to do, we do other things. Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: 189 (all seated) (paraphrase of the Gospel Reading)

Lessons: Numbers 21: 4-9 (p.130); Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22;

John 3: 14-21 (p.81)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 193 (all seated),

Living Faith 2.5.3 - 5 & Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 209 (all seated)

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Cheryl Weeks, Alex Bruce

Elevator Guide: Marg Bingley

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Reader: Gerry Archibald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Eldon Weeks

Tues: 2:00 p.m. Ocean View Continuing Care Service

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

Monday, March 22 7:30 p.m. on ZOOM – Annual Meeting Reports will go out by email and on the church website. Some copies will be printed. We will hear a testimony by Dr. Nancy McNeil, one of our new elders and view a 2 minute video on Presbyterians Sharing. We will sustain and approve an Operating Fund and a Presbyterians Sharing Allocation for 2021.

Recommendations will be presented for bursaries - \$4000 for a Dartmouth High graduate and \$1000 for a Prince Andrew High graduate; the latter one is a new bursary. We will also be asked to approve grants made by the Session in 2020 from the Mission, Outreach and Benevolence Fund of our Legacy for Growth Fund. There will be a time of fellowship at the end of the meeting. Please join us!

FOOD – 11 months of the year on the last Wednesday of the month, we take sandwiches or juice boxes/water bottles or granola bars/pudding cups on a rotational basis. We need additional participants. If you would like to help, contact Joyce Ross 902-435-4801.

Mission Moment – Empowering Women and Girls

March 8, was International Women's Day; we reflected on the work the church is doing around the world to help achieve gender equality. Through Presbyterian World Service & Development, we support programs that help marginalized women and girls reach their full potential, access quality education and health care, achieve economic independence and advocate for their rights. Empowering and supporting vulnerable women and girls not only creates self-reliance but is crucial to ending poverty and hunger. When women are empowered, they help build a more sustainable and just world.

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Hymn #189

1. As when the Hebrew prophet raised
the brazen serpent high
the wounded looked and straight were cured;
the people ceased to die,
2. so from the Saviour on the cross
a healing virtue flows;
who looks to him with living faith
is saved from endless woes,
3. for God gave up the Son to death,
so generous was that love,
that all the faithful might enjoy
eternal life above.
4. Not to condemn us, or to judge,
the Lamb of God appeared;
no weapons in his hands are seen,
nor voice of terror heard.
5. Christ came to raise our fallen state,
and our lost hopes restore;
faith leads us to the mercy seat
and bids us fear no more.

Hymn # 193

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of my sickness into thy health,
out of my want and into thy wealth,
out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.
2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.

out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
out of life's storms and into thy calm,
out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of myself to dwell in thy love,
out of despair into raptures above,
upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee;
out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

Hymn # 209

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze, its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.