



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 4, Sunday, March 27, 2022

Service colour: Purple

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: 670 "Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

God of all glory, on the first day, you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On the first day, you began your new creation, raising Jesus to new life. On the first day, the Day of Pentecost, you began the formation of your body, the church, breathing new life into the hearts and minds of your disciples and stirring in them the fire of your love. On this first day, your people, created by water and your spirit, join in praising you for your grace and peace.

O God, who loves us with an everlasting love, we admit that in thoughts, words and actions we hurt others, we disturb your creation, we offend you, and we create difficulties for ourselves. Help us to come to a deeper awareness of how our words, attitudes and actions affect the lives of others. Enable us to recognize your grace working in the lives of others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Hymn: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 206 (1) – PWS&D Lenten Reading

Hymn: 705 "God who made the earth" (all seated)

Lessons: Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 (p.159); Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 (p.67)

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 17 vs. 3, 4, & 5 (Tune: 479) Based on Psalm 32

Living Faith 8.3.3 & Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 748 (Tune: 626) "Lord of hopefulness"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude – Fellowship on ZOOM

Welcoming Worshippers: Murdo MacKay

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

Reader: Cheryl Weeks **Audio:** Ross & Mike Barkhouse, Cheryl Weeks

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry; 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee on ZOOM

Wed: 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry; 7:30 p.m. Fellowship, Worship & Prayer on ZOOM

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School on ZOOM and in church

Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. The annual meeting will be held during the latter part of the service; this shows the close connection between worship & ministry, worship & work, and worship and witness/service.

Covid 19 – In our recent newsletter, we noted that Public Health is encouraging us to wear masks at worship. Seating restrictions are lifted. Masks will be worn in the Church School until further notice.

Offerings:

Offerings may be mailed to the church, 216 School St., Dartmouth, NS B3A 2Y4 or sent by e-transfer to standrewspc216@gmail.com Please be sure to use the "Message" section on the e-transfer to indicate into which categories the gift is to be placed, i.e. Operating, Presbyterians Sharing (the national church budget), PWS&D, Camp Geddie, etc. At church, offering plates are at the top of the lobby stairs and on the large piano.

St. Andrew's Prayer Circle – For many years, St. Andrew's has had a Prayer Circle. Bonnie McLellan is the secretary: phone 902-434-4978, e-mail fredamac@eastlink.ca. Please forward your prayer requests to her. Bonnie would very much appreciate receiving volunteers for the Circle. Bonnie sends any prayer requests to the volunteers in the Circle.

Mission Moment

In Nepal, Pallu Oli knew something wasn't right when he felt a burning sensation on his leg. After seeing the doctor, Pallu was prescribed medicine but did not feel better after taking it. As his health worsened, Pallu wondered why he hadn't healed yet. His son suggested that he visit the Shining Hospital. At the hospital, Pallu was diagnosed with leprosy and entered a treatment program (which he has since completed). Sharing his experience, Pallu expressed, "I am very happy that my disease is diagnosed and is treated accordingly." The Shining Hospital is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

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Hymn 670 Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me:
His word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. What thanks I owe you, and what love
a boundless, endless store
shall echo through the realms above when time shall be no more.
6. When we've been there a thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
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Hymn 705 God, who made the earth

1. God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea,
who gave the light its birth, still cares for me.
2. God, who made the grass, the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass, still cares for me.
3. God, who made the sun, the moon, the stars we see,
who sees life's clouds come on, still cares for me.
4. God, who made all things on earth, in air, in sea,
who changing seasons brings, still cares for me.
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Hymn 17 How blest are they

3. So let the godly seek you in times when you are near;
no whelming floods shall reach them, or cause their hearts to fear;
O Lord, you are my refuge, you are my hiding place,
and you surround me always with songs of saving grace.
4. 'I graciously will teach you the way that you should go,
and, with my eye upon you, help you my counsel know.
Then do not be unruly or slow to understand;
be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.'
5. The sorrows of the wicked increase from year to year,
but those who trust the Lord God know love instead of fear.
Then in the Lord be joyful; in song lift up your voice;
be glad in God, you righteous: rejoice. O saints, rejoice!
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Hymn 748 Lord of all hopefulness

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your
bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
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