



**rST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 22, 2023**

**Service colour: Green**

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (All who are able standing)

Bible Sentence & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: 172 "As with gladness"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**God, our Father, your love is at work in all that you have made! Son of God, in your likeness we are made new! Holy Spirit, you hide us in your shelter in the day of trouble and set us high upon a rock. With joy, we gather together to behold your beauty and to sing and make melody to you.**

**Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is limited, our love is not constant, and our obedience is not complete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. O God of our salvation, in your tender love, forgive us. By your spirit, help us to accept your invitation to us to follow you in what we choose, say, and do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon & The Passing of the Peace

Hymn: 570 "I have decided" - Students gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons : Psalm 27 : 1, 4-9 ; Isaiah 9 : 1-4 (p.597) ; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 (p.145); Matthew 4: 12-23 (p.3)

Reader: The Word of the Lord **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Offertory Hymn: 171 (paraphrase of Isaiah 9) "The people"

Living Faith 8.1.3 & Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 702 (Tune: 517) "Dear Christ, uplifted"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Ricky Sloan

**Elevator Guide:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Kenneth Cameron

**Reader:** Ian Murray

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

**Today:** 7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Hall

**Wed:** 7:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry

2:15 p.m. Property Committee – choir room

7:00 p.m. Worship & Fellowship Committee - Hall

**Thurs:** 1:00 p.m. Guild – Kitchen

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

The sanctuary was dedicated on January 22, 1956 by The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg. The addition of the entrance and nursery was dedicated in 1991.

A Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'kma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

2023 Presbyterian Calendar: \$7.00 being sold by Youth Group in the lobby.

The Guild has craft items in the lobby. There is a box there for donations.

Clothesline in lobby for socks, scarves, toques, and mittens/gloves.

The Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary invites you to put an item on the clothesline for Margaret's House.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Jan. 18 – 25.

Mission Moment

In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. Lahia first sought help from a traditional healer—a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. There, she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. Reflecting upon her experience, Lahia said that she is "thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital."

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### Hymn 172 As with gladness

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we ever more be led to thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.
4. Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way,  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds of glory hide.
5. In that heavenly country bright need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing hallelujahs to our King.

### Hymn 570 I have decided

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross behind me,  
No turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, I still will follow;  
though none go with me, I still will follow;  
though none go with me, I still will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.
4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

### Hymn 171 The people that in darkness

1. The people that in darkness pined  
have seen a glorious light;  
the people dwell in day, who dwelt  
in death's surrounding night.
2. To hail your rise, O better Sun,  
the gathering nations come,  
rejoicing as when reapers bear  
the harvest treasures home.
3. To us a Child of hope is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulders ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
forevermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the great and mighty Lord.
5. His reign of righteous government  
shall over all extend,  
for peace and justice shall abound  
in this world without end.

### Hymn 702 Dear Christ, uplifted (Tune 517)

1. Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth, your arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.
2. Still east and west your love extends, and always, near and far,  
you call and claim us as your friends and love us as we are.
3. Where age and gender, class and race, divide us to our shame,  
you see a person and a face, a neighbour with a name.
4. May we, accepted as we are, yet called in grace to grow,  
reach out to others, near and far your healing love to show.  
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