



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Pentecost 15, September 3, 2023**

**Service colour: Green**

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

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (all who are able standing)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (830); Bible Sentence

Hymn: 69 "O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**O God of our ancestors Moses, Aaron and Miriam, we gather to rejoice that you dwell with us forever, that you know our struggles and suffering, and that you bring us to life in a new land – to a new life in which we behold you in awe and reverence, in which we seek to live in the way revealed in Jesus, and in which we rely on your Spirit for guidance and strength. Praise be given to you forever and ever!**

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you call us to be your servant people but often we are deaf to your call, not doing what you command, being silent when we should speak, and being inactive when we could be useful. Teach us that whoever loses one's life for your sake will find it. Keep us aware that wherever we go, we are standing upon your sacred ground; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

**M.**The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

**Hallelujah** (Hymn 294); The Passing of the Peace

Lessons: Psalm 105: 1-5, 23-26; Exodus 3: 1-15 (p.46); Romans 12 : 9-21 (p.142) ; Matthew 16 : 21-28 (p.16)

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Hymn: 510 "Deep in the shadows"

Sermon followed by the Offertory

The Creed (539) & Offertory Prayer (all who are able standing)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer (831)

Hymn: 652 "Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go Now in Peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

Postlude



**Conducting the Services:** 9:00 a.m. Don & Jessie Bragg  
10:30 a.m. Cheryl Weeks

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Mike Barkhouse

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

**Reader:** Lesley Waugh

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

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

The minister is on vacation August 31 – Sept. 5.

Thurs. Sept. 7 - Church Hall -AMS Halifax -Lunenburg Presbyterial Annual Meeting 9:30 am Registration, 10:00 am Meeting

1:00 pm: All welcome to hear a presentation by Margaret Craig and Barbara Fris on their trip to Egypt and Israel in the spring with the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean at St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver & Professor at Vancouver School of Theology. Refreshments to be served.

**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.

Mission Moment

Parbati Damai lives in Nepal with a spinal cord injury she endured after falling down a hill three years ago. During that time, her family took her to the local hospital for emergency treatment, where she underwent multiple surgeries and started using a wheelchair. However, with her husband and sons working during the day, she was often left at home in her wheelchair for 10 to 14 hours daily, causing pressure sores to develop on her body. Parbati's local health facility couldn't provide her with the help she needed, so they referred her to the Green Pastures Hospital for further treatment. There, with the support of PWS&D's partner, she received treatment and counselling free of charge. Parbati hopes to complete her treatment and return home soon.

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### Hymn 69

1. O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord, and all that is within,  
awake to praise and magnify and bless God's holy name.

2. Bless now my soul, the Lord thy God, and not forgetful be  
of all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on thee.

3. Iniquities and sins Gd will most graciously forgive:  
all thy diseases and thy pain most tenderly relieve.

4. My God redeems my life, that I to death might not go down;  
with mercy and with steadfast love the Lord my soul will  
crown.

5. The Lord will satisfy my soul abundantly with good,  
so even as the eagle's life my youth will be renewed.

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### Hymn 510

1. Deep in the shadows of the past far out from settled lands  
Some nomads travelled with their God across the desert sands.  
The dawning hope of humankind by them was sense and shown:  
A promise calling them ahead, a future yet unknown.

2. While others bowed to changeless gods, they met a mystery,  
invisible, without a name, 'I am what I will be'  
and by their tents, around their fires, in story, song and law  
They praised, remembered, handed on a past that promised  
more.

3. From Exodus to Pentecost, the promise changed and grew,  
while some, remembering the past, recorded what they knew,  
or with their letters and laments, their prophecy and praise,  
recovered, kindled and expressed new hope for changing days.

4. For all the writings that survived for leaders long ago,  
who sifted, copied and preserved the Bible that we know,  
give thanks, and find its story yet our promise, strength and  
call, the model of emerging faith, alive with hope for all.

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### Hymn 652

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
oh let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day.