



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 17, Sunday, September 17, 2023

Service colour: Green

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

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: 290 "Immortal, invisible"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God, whose steadfast love endures forever, we meet together in awe and reverence to celebrate your power which creates and sustains us, your grace which restores and refreshes us, and your presence within us which nourishes us and gives us strength for our journey in faith.

Almighty God, in whose love there is abundant mercy, we express to you with those gathered in this place, our need for your forgiveness, support, and guidance. We have said and done that which we realize was hurtful and unwise and we have left unsaid and undone that which would have been helpful and encouraging to others. We are frail and so we fail sometimes to keep our promise of love for you and one another. Lead us to be forgiving in our attitude and speech even as you grant forgiveness to us; 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

Hymn: 328 "This is my Father's world" (all seated) – Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Exodus 14: 19-31 (p.58); Psalm 114; Romans 14 : 1-12 (p.142) ;

Matthew 18 : 21-35 (p.16)

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

Glorify 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: 74 (Tune: 217) "When Israel fled"

Sermon

The Offertory

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

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

Hymn: 751 (Tune: 517) "Forgive our sins"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Alex Bruce

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Tues: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry; Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

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

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.

Guild Table in the lobby has several jars of pickles; please leave a donation in the red box.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday on October 1.

The Atlantic Mission Society Annual Meeting is being held St. Andrews Church, New Glasgow Sept. 15 – 17. We have 2 persons attending.

Mission Moment

For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenge in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.

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