



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 23, Sunday, October 29, 2023

Service colour: Green

Reformation and All Saints Sunday

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: 314 (Tune 371) "God is love"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Refreshing and renewing God, we gather for worship in the presence of God, who flows among us like a river. We gather for worship bringing memories both joyful and difficult with us. We gather for worship bringing our hopes and needs. We gather for worship rejoicing in Your work in creation and in Your steadfast love. Glory be to You, Creator, Saviour and Guide!

Gracious God, we have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. By choice, in weakness and sometimes by unawareness we have hurt You, others and ourselves. Wash away our sin and fill us with your nourishing water that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways. 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: 446B (sung twice) "The Lord is my song" (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 (p.179) ;

Matthew 22: 34-40 (p.22)

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: 678 (Tune: 543) "I greet thee"

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: 695 (Tune: 600) "Although I speak"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Mike Barkhouse

Elevator: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton

Reader: Lesley Waugh

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Today: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thurs: 1:00 p.m. Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary

Roll Call Word: "Thanksgiving"

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

Sunday, November 19 11:30 a.m. Potluck congregational luncheon: please bring sandwiches or veggies or cheese and crackers or fruit or cookies ready to be served. Hot and cold drinks provided. Please plan to come to enjoy the fellowship of the congregation.

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:

Cyclone Freddy—one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the southern hemisphere—made landfall in Malawi in March 2023. Thousands in Malawi were left homeless, and with severe crop losses, over 345,000 people were affected by the heavy rains, floods and landslides. Through its partners, PWS&D responded to this devastating disaster by providing maize flour and soya to enable families to meet their immediate food requirements.

Additionally, because of critical food insecurity due to droughts and floods in the area, PWS&D implemented a three-month food assistance project for 2,500 households. This project provided food assistance in the form of cash transfers, as well as seeds to produce high-value crops.

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Hymn 314

1. God is love: come heaven, adoring;
God is love: come earth, rejoice.
Come creation, voices soaring, sing exulting with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation—
God is love, eternal love.
2. God is love, whose arms enfolding
all the world in one embrace,
with unfailing grasp are holding every child of every race,
and when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod
all the sorrow, all the aching wrings with pain the heart of God.
3. God is love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal lovingkindness guides us through all earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love: so love forever o'er the universe must reign.

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Hymn 446

- B. The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.

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Hymn 678

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free.
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Hymn 695

1. Although I speak with angel's tongue,
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain as clanging gong or blaring brass.
2. For love is patient, love is kind
and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love with abide.
3. For now we peer at darkened glass;
our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see; then we will see Love face to face.
4. The gifts are many; the body one, and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind, one hope, one faith,
one love in Christ.