



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 25, Sunday, November 12, 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: 450 (Tune:189) "Great shepherd of your people"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Holy God, your power is beyond our ability to measure it, your wisdom is beyond our knowledge, and your love is well beyond our descriptions of it! You have put eternity in our hearts and you have made us to hunger and thirst for you! Satisfy we pray the longings that you have implanted in us that we may find you in life and find life in you.

O 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 incomplete. Through unawareness, through weakness and by deliberate choice, we have sinned against you and have hurt others. By your gracious power, forgive us and continue to draw us toward you and your ways; 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: 667 "God you touch the earth" (all seated) Pupils go directly to class today.

Lessons: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25(p. 199); Psalm 78:1-7;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.181); Matthew 23:1-12 (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: 663 (Tune:722) "God whose giving"

Sermon followed by The Offertory

The Creed (539) and Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn: 654 "O God of Bethel"

Benediction & Choral Amen

Song: "Go now in peace" (all seated) (hymn book – inside back cover)

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ian Murray

Conducting the Service: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley

Reader: Darlene Cossaboom

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Elevator: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

The minister is at Iona Church today.

Mon: 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee on ZOOM

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.

2024 Presbyterian Calendar in lobby - Youth Group selling them for \$7

Next Sunday: 11:30 am – Potluck 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.

The Guild November 2023 Fund Raising Project: Once again a **No-Bake Sale** is being held! Please put donations in the *No-Bake Sale* box in the lobby or on the offering plate clearly marked "Guild" or send your gift to 216 School Street, Dartmouth, NS B3A 2Y4 making cheques payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Guild or e-transfer to standrewspc216@gmail.com noting in the Message section that it is for the Guild. Thank you for your help.

2023 Christmas Project: We are seeking \$3,000 for FEED NOVA SCOTIA. Please make your donation to St Andrew's by Dec 3. Some may wish to use e-transfer: standrewspc216@gmail.com; mark donation clearly for Christmas Project.

Hymn 450 (Tune 189)

1. Great Shepherd of your people, hear! Your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray.

2. Within these walls let holy peace and love and friendship dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease; the wounded spirit heal.

3. May we in faith receive your word, in faith present our prayers,
and in the presence of our Lord unburden all our cares.

4. The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the contrite heart bestow,
and shine upon us from on high, that we in grace may grow.

Hymn 667

1. God, you touch the earth with beauty; make my heart anew;
with your Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.

2. Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure;
like your rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.

3. Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free;
like the straightness of the pine trees, upright let me be.

4. Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above;
turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.

5. God, you touch the earth with beauty, make my heart anew;
keep me ever by your Spirit pure and strong and true.

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Hymn 663 (Tune 722)

1. God whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless
store,
nature's wonder Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ,
Your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made
one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure too you have entrusted, gain through powers your Grace
conferred.

Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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Hymn 654

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all thy servants led,

2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
be fore thy gracious throne;
as thou hast been our faithful God,
so always be our own.

3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

4. Oh spread the covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's own loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore,
and thou shalt be our chosen God
and portion evermore.