



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

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: 170 "What star is this"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**God, ever creating, ever loving, ever leading, You are stillness when we are frantic; You are truth when we are confused and perplexed; You are freedom when we are paralyzed with fear; You are light when we stumble in the darkness; You are love when we are lonely and empty. For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be, we praise you, Creator, Jesus, Holy Spirit.**

**O God, you are acquainted with our ways! While you are very close to us, we find ourselves trying to get away from you and your way. You call but our ears are often deaf to your voice. You have made us the home of your Holy Spirit, but we tend to live too much for ourselves and to forget the burdens of others.**

**God of grace, enable us to admit our sin and our need for you so that, as you come to us in mercy, we may turn to you to embrace your grace, 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: 704 "Teach me, God, to wonder" (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: 1 Samuel 3: 1–20 (p.229); Psalm 139: 1–6, 13–18;

1 Corinthians 6: 19–20; John 1: 43–51 (p.88)

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: 177 (Tune: 434) "Christ whose glory fills the skies"

Sermon

The Offertory

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

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

Hymn: 671 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Ian Murray

**Elevator:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Nancy Heighton

**Reader:** Lesley Waugh

**Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

**Tues:** 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Kitchen;

7:00 p.m. Kirk Session

**Thurs:** 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Guild – Kitchen

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

The funeral for Isabel Sarson, a retired elder of St. Andrew's, who died on January 6, 2024 was held in the church yesterday. She became a professing member of St. Andrew's on March 27, 1991 and an elder on April 30, 1995.

Presbyterians Sharing 2023: \$35,388.70; Goal was 35,000. Thanks be to God!

There are craft items in the lobby; the Guild would appreciate donations for items.

Election of Elders – The Session would appreciate receiving nominations for elders by January 22, 2024. Persons need to be professing members and interested in the ministry and well-being of the congregation. Place nominations on the offering plate or mail them to the church. Sign the outside of the envelope.

**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.

### Hymn 170

1. What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.

2. 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
'From Jacob shall a star proceed,'  
and lo! the Eastern sages stand  
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

3. O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of your light to use.

4. To God the Father, God the Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
may every tongue and nation raise  
an endless song of thankful praise.

### Hymn 704

1. Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God to see,  
let your world of beauty capture me.

**Refrain:** Praise to you be given; love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated; joy you give.

2. Let me, God, be open; let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. (R)

3. Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake,  
in your world of loving, my place take. (R)

4. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. (R)

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### Hymn 177

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till thy inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine;  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

### Hymn 671

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast!"  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold I freely give the living water thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink and live!"  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright!"  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun,  
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.