



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

216 School Street, Dartmouth, NS B3A 2Y4

Website: [www.standrewspccc.ca](http://www.standrewspccc.ca)

Minister: Rev. Dr. P.A. "Sandy" McDonald 902-497-8112 (study); 902-466-6247 (h)

Minister Emeritus: Rev. R.A.B. MacLean

**Third Sunday after Epiphany, January 21, 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: 171 "The people that in darkness"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

**Creating and loving God, you are our rock when we feel that we are on shifting ground; you are our shelter when we feel weak because of the storms in our experience. We praise you this day and always for your help in the past, for your guidance each day, and for the promises you have made to us.**

**O God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, we confess that by thought, word and deed we have gone against you and one another. We confess that while we know we are made to live in harmony with the earth and one another, our concern for status and security blinds us to all that unites us. We confess that anger and resentment are so much easier for us than the challenging work of understanding, listening and showing compassion. We confess that we do not recognize the power that the ways of the world have over us. In your grace, enable us to walk in a new way from this day forward; 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: 471 "We are one" (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Jonah 3:1-10 (p.814); Psalm 62: 5-12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

(p. 149); Mark 1: 14-20 (p.30)

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: 451 "Dear Father, Lord of humankind"

Sermon followed by 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: 753 "You walk along the shoreline"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

©1988 Harold Flammer Music (Admin. by Hal Leonard LLC) (Admin. by Tom Cat Music) Used by permission CCLI 11120907

Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Murdo MacKay

**Elevator:** Chris McDonald

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Nancy Heighton

**Reader:** Gerry Archibald

**Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

**Mon:** 7:00 p.m. Property Committee

**Tues:** 7:00 p.m. Personnel and Planning Committee

**Sun:** 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School and Nursery; 3:00 p.m. Closing Service at St. John's Church, Windsor conducted by The Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg. All welcome.

Jan. 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Service today at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Basilica, Halifax; all welcome.

**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.

THURS., Feb 15 10:00-11:30 a.m. Valentine Muffin Party & Book Sale sponsored by the Ladies' Guild. Bring any books that you have for sale. Consider bringing a friend!

**Mission Moment**

We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

### **Hymn 171**

1. The people that in darkness pined have seen a glorious light;  
the people dwell in day, who dwelt in death's surrounding night.
2. To hail your rise, O better Sun, the gathering nations come,  
rejoicing as when reapers bear the harvest treasures home.
3. To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulders ever rests all power in earth and heaven.
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, forevermore adored,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor, the great and mighty Lord.
5. His reign of righteous government shall over all extend,  
for peace and justice shall abound in this world without end.

### **Hymn 471**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, (twice)  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, (twice)  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, (twice)  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love .

*Text: Peter Scholtes © 1991 Lorenz Publishing; used by permission  
One License A-740820; all rights reserved.*

### **Hymn 451 b**

1. Dear Father, Lord of humankind, forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.
3. O sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity, interpreted by love.
4. With that deep hush subduing all our words and works that drown  
the tender whisper of thy call,  
as noiseless let thy blessing fall as fell thy manna down.
5. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.

### **Hymn 753**

1. You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me,.  
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."
2. :You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
3. We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

*Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.  
used by permission One License A-740820; all rights reserved.*