

#### ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 2024 Service colour: White

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: 187 (Tune: 410) "We have come at Christ's own bidding"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

Blessing and glory and honour and thanksgiving be given to you, O God, forever and ever. Holy Creator, loving Saviour, guiding Spirit, your goodness cannot be measured, your power cannot be described, and your grace cannot be contained.

O God, whose grace brings us meaning, hope, and peace, we place before you some of our needs: our need to be reminded that you make use of our talents for large purposes, our need to be reassured of our place in your heart and in the community of faith, our need to be encouraged when we feel overwhelmed by the challenges before us, and our need for forgiveness for any of our words and deeds that have hurt you, others, and ourselves. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to walk in the way of your beloved Son in whose name we pray. 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: 2 Kings 2: 1–12 (p.308); Psalm 50: 1–6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3–6 (p.159); Mark 9: 2–9 (p.159)

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: 662 "Those who wait on the Lord"

Sermon followed by the Offertory

Living Faith: 6.2, 2 & 3

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

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

Hymn: 633 "Who would true valour see"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ricky Sloan

**Elevator:** Chris McDonald **Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton

**Reader:** Ricky Sloan **Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

**Wed:** 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry: 6:30 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP in Chancel.

**Thurs:** 9:30 a.m. Chancel – Ash Wed. service repeated; 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Guild sponsored Valentine Coffee Party & Book Sale. Feel free to bring books.

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

Sunday, Feb. 25 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting in Worship; worship & work are joined!

Annual reports available online on Friday, February 23. Copies available at annual meeting.

Sunday, March 3: 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with Holy Communion; Pizza lunch; sign sheet in lobby if you want pizza.

**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.

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### Hymn 187 (Tune 410)

- 1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy pace, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2. Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word; Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
- 3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine, but true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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### Hymn 328 This is my Father's world

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought; of rocks and trees, of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought.
- 2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.
- 3. This is my Father's world, oh let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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## Hymn # 622

1. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall rise upon wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

- 2. Those who serve the suffering world shall renew their strength; they shall rise upon wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 3. Those who live the risen life shall renew their strength; they shall rise upon wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 4. Those who love the Mystery shall renew their strength; they shall rise upon wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
- 5. Those who die on the march shall renew their strength; they shall rise upon wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way. Text: John Bell; Tune: Arrangement © 1988, WGRG c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., used by permission One License A-740820; all rights reserved

#### Hymn 633

- 1. Who would true valour see let them come hither: here's one will constant be come wind, come weather. There's no discouragement shall make me once relent my first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
- 2. Who so beset me round with dismal stories do but themselves confound: my strength the more is. No foes shall stay my might; though I with giants fight, but I will have the right to be a pilgrim.
- 3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt my spirit: I know I at the end shall life inherit. Then, fancies, flee away! Fear not what others say; I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.