



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 2, February 25, 2024

Service colour: Purple

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); PWS&D reading

Hymn: 43 "God's name forever shall endure" (Psalm 72)

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

We praise you, O God, our Maker, for your help in the past, for your presence among us, and for the hope that you give to us. We honour you, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, for establishing the community of faith and for placing us in this community through the gift of Baptism. We glorify you, Holy Spirit, for drawing us closer to you and blessing us with guidance and strength. We gather this day to honour you for the covenant that you made with Sarah and Abraham and with us, their descendants in the family of faith.

O God, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive! Be patient with us when we forget to obey your call to us to set aside our focus on ourselves and to take up our cross and follow you. Remind us that new life, peace, and joy are found through our trust in you and our service in your name; 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

Testimony – Erin Sloan

Hymn: 206 (Twice) (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (p.12); Mark 8: 31-37 (p.38)

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.

Sermon

2023 Report & minutes of 2023 annual meeting (p.1–14) Cheryl Weeks

2023 Audited Financial Statements (p.15–20) Andrew Kennedy, Convenor, Finance & Stewardship

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Remembrance of those who died in 2023

Offertory followed by Living Faith (7.1. 1-5) pg. 16 and Prayer

2024 Presbyterians Sharing Allocation – The Session and The Presbytery recommends \$30,000.

Jamie Leck, Outreach Committee

2024 Operating Budget (p.18–19) Andrew Kennedy

Nominating Committee

Testimony – Nancy Archibald

Recognition of Elders leaving office; Election of Elders

Prayers for St. Andrew's, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, our nation, the world and those with needs and challenges; The Lord's Prayer (831)

Hymn: 211 "Take up your cross"

Benediction & Choral Amen; Song: "Go now in peace"; Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Lee & Naomi Walker

Elevator: Chris McDonald

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Lee Walker

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Today: 11:45 a.m. Kilted Choir in Hall

Thurs: 7:00 p.m. Ceilidh sponsored by Clan Donald – All welcome

Admission: something or cash for Feed Nova Scotia

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

Sat. March 2 8:30 a.m. Youth Group Pancake Mission Breakfast. Please sign the sheet in the lobby if you plan to attend.

March 3 the 71st Anniversary Service & Pizza/Cake. Please sign the sheet in lobby or call 902-469- 4480 if you wish to have pizza.

The mother of Russell Trimper died recently.

Thank You! We recognize the service of the following elders: Retiring: Michael Laveck, Jim and Linda Russell; Became a minister: Whitney Canning; Resignation: Murdo MacKay – moving to Scotland in the spring.

Nominating Committee: Auditors: Russell Trimper, Susan Osborne (an elder at Iona Church); Treasurer: Joyce Ross; Education 3 yrs: Heather Barkhouse, Lisa Glennie; Outreach: 3 yrs; A.J. Macdonald; Property 1 yr. Gord Ross; Nominating 3 yrs: Kathy Kennedy

Hymn 43

1. God's name forever shall endure, and like the sun shall last:
all shall be blest in you, O God, and nations call you blest.

2. Blest be the God of Israel, our God, the mighty Lord,
for you alone do wondrous works, that sound your name abroad.

3. Now blessed be your glorious name to all eternity:
the whole earth let your glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

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Hymn 206

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Hymn 211

1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.

4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
'twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.