



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lent 5, March 17, 2024

Service colour: Purple

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: 194 "Come let us to the Lord our God"

Prayer of Adoration; Prayer for Pardon and Grace:

O God our Creator who has bound yourself to us in your covenants, we honour you. Lord Jesus Christ who draws us to yourself, we praise you. Holy Spirit who writes your law of love on our hearts, we glorify you.

In the words of the poet we open our hearts to you: "Have mercy on me according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a new heart, O God, and sustain in me a generous spirit;" 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: 206 (2), 344 "The wise may bring their learning" (all seated) Pupils gather at Chancel stairs

Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (p.694); John 12: 20-33 (p.93); Mark 14: 32-42 (p.45)

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: 674 "In the bulb there is a flower"

Sermon and PWS&D Reading

The Offertory

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

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

Hymn: 209 "O love that will not let me go"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Megan Douglas

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

Placing the Bible: Murdo MacKay

Reader: Jake Barkhouse

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell

Tues: 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun: 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery; Ordination & Induction of Elders

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.

Maundy Thurs. 6:30 p.m. Supper (bring your own food) & Holy Communion

Good Friday 10:30 a.m. The Seven Words from the Cross

Easter Day 7 a.m. Sunrise Communion and potluck breakfast; 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and Reception of new members by Profession of Faith
11:40 a.m. Retirement reception in Church Hall

Janet Holden celebrated her 90th birthday on March 14!

Lumber: There are some 2 by 4's in the furnace room for anyone who wishes to have them.

Mission Moment

For hundreds of years, roads have been providing important networks of connection and community. Not only in a physical sense, but by creating equal access to vital places like schools, churches and hospitals, and fostering a sense of community. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Life and Mission Agency and the Band Council on Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan are working together to create a road system through the reserve that will connect Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church with the rest of the community. In turn, it will open up the possibilities of new ministry opportunities by bringing together the community and creating a sense of hope and connectedness.

Hymn 194

1. Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.
2. God's voice commands the tempest forth
and stills the stormy wave;
God's arm is strong and swift to strike, but also strong to save.
3. The night of sorrow long has reigned,
but dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise with gladness in God's sight.
4. Then let us know, let us press on
to know our God the Lord,
whose coming is as sure as dawn, whose name shall be adored.

Hymn 206

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom;
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Hymn 344

1. The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,
and some may bring their greatness, and some bring strength and health;
we, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;
we have no wealth or learning: what shall we children bring?
2. We'll bring him hearts that love him; we'll bring him thankful praise,
and young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways:
and these shall be the treasures we offer to the King,
and these are gifts that even a little child may bring.
3. We'll bring the little duties we have to do each day;
we'll try our best to please him, at home, at school, at play:
and better are these treasures to offer to our King
than richest gifts without them; yet these a child may bring.

Hymn 674

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning, in our time infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
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Hymn 209

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze,
its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.