



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Seventh Sunday in the Great Fifty Days of Easter

Christian Family Sunday

May 12, 2024

Service colour: White

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP 10:30 a.m. (also on YouTube)

Prelude (a time for prayer and reflection)

Placing of the Bible (*stand if able*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle; Doxology (Book of Praise 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

We will shout to God with songs of joy.

For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

We will sing praises to God every day.

Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 435 “All things bright and beautiful”

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you called your followers to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others of our faith.

We try to act out your love. but it's hard to tell others why we do what we do for you. Forgive us. Give us the courage to speak openly of our commitment to you.

Song: 561 “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us.”

Declaration of forgiveness followed by The Lord's Prayer

A sharing of the Peace of Christ followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 441 “Can a little child” (*all seated*)

Learning for all ages: {children gather at Chancel stairs}

Prayer of Illumination

Lessons: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 (p.102); Psalm 1 (responsive); 1 John 5: 9-13 (p.214); John 17: 6-19 (p.97)

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: 703 “Happy the home”

Sermon based on 1 John 5: 9-13

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 267 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Andrew Kennedy **Elevator:** Gordon Ross

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton

Reader: Lee Walker

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Today: Youth Group, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Wed: Session on ZOOM, 7 p.m.

Sun: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery; Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Pentecost Sunday

Upcoming event The Ladies' Guild is holding a “Picnic Box Lunch” (sandwiches and sweets) on Saturday, June 8, for \$10.00; cash TAKE OUT ONLY; pick up between 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Church Hall. Order by Saturday, June 1 by calling Darlene Cossaboom 506-321-9016 or email dmcboom54@outlook.com

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 435

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.
2. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, every one.
3. The rocky mountain splendour, the haunting curlew's call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forests in the fall.
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty who has made all things well.

Hymn 441

Can a little child like me thank the Father fittingly?
Yes, oh yes be good and true, patient, kind in all we do;
love the Lord and do our part; learn to say with all our heart:

Refrain:

Saviour, we thank you, Spirit, we thank you,
Great God our Maker, we thank you!

2. For our playing, for our rest, for the earth in beauty dressed,
for the moon and sun so bright, for the day and for the night,
for your patient, loving care, for your bounty everywhere:
[Refrain]
3. For the laughter, for the tear, for the love that meets us here,
for the lessons of our youth—honour, gratitude and truth—
for the great gift of your Son, for your work in us begun:
[Refrain]

Hymn 703

1. Happy the home when God is there, and love fills every breast,
where one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.
2. Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet in every ear,
where children early sing his fame,
and parents hold him dear.
3. Happy the home where prayer is heard and praise is quick to rise,
where parents love the sacred word
that makes the simple wise.
4. Lord, let us in our home agree this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee,
and love to all will reign.

Hymn 267

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.