



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Service colour: Green

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*)

God hears our cries and rescues us from trouble.

Let us praise God's holy name.

God draws near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us worship the One who brings new life.

Let us praise God's holy name.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 290 "Immortal, Invisible"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession (unison) **God of mercy, we face many choices each day and we confess we often choose with no thought of you. Forgive the choices we've made that hurt others, those that ignored our own wellbeing, and those that betrayed your love. Guide us in all our choices, simple or complicated, so we express our faithfulness to you day by day. Amen.**

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: 705 "God who made the earth" (*all seated*)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: 1 Kings 8: 22–30, 41–43 (p.289); Psalm 84; Ephesians 6: 10–20 (p. 172); John 6: 56–69 (p.86)

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: 498 "Sing them over again"

Sermon based on Ephesians 6: 10–20

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others

Hymn: 746 "What a friend"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Alex Bruce **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton **Reader:** Lesley Waugh

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Tues: 7:00 p.m. Profile Committee

Wed: FOOD Ministry, 7:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Sun: 10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Mission Moment: In Malawi, the Mabiri Community Day Secondary School's Sexual Reproductive Health Club is a component of the Every Girl Empowered Project, which is supported by PWS&D. One of the issues discussed by club members is school dropout rates among their peers. One of the reasons for this is the inability to pay school fees. Determined to make a difference, club members identified a peer, Wezzie, aged 16, struggling financially. To help her, they organized an open house event, inviting supporters to hear Wezzie's story and learn about the importance of financial support for marginalized pupils. Through their advocacy efforts, the club secured pledges to cover Wezzie's school fees, enabling her to take and pass her examinations successfully. The club was pleased knowing they successfully advocated to help improve Wezzie's future.

Hymn 290

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Hymn 705

1. God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea,
who gave the light its birth, still cares for me.
2. God, who made the grass, the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass, still cares for me.
3. God, who made the sun, the moon, the stars we see,
who sees life's clouds come on, still cares for me.
4. God, who made all things on earth, in air, in sea,
who changing seasons brings, still cares for me.

Hymn 498

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life,
beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all, wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Saviour, sanctify forever. (Refrain)
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty. (Refrain)

Hymn 746

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear;
what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.