



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 8, 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*)

Put your confidence in God.

We have God as our helper and so we rejoice.

God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

So put your trust in God's goodness.

May God's goodness endure forever! Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 410 "Joyful, joyful"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of mercy, you keep an eye out for those who dwell on the margins of life. We confess we fail to keep our eyes open for those on the margins. We have been silent when we should have spoken up in the face of injustice. Our generosity to others does not match what you offer us. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first. Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Declaration of forgiveness

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 64 "Be still and know" (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (p.566); Psalm 125; James 2: 1-10, 14-17 (p.202) ; Mark 7 : 24-37 (p.37)

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: 722 "Lord, whose love"

Sermon based on James 2: 1-10, 14-17

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: "Follow me, the master said"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Kathy Sloan **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton **Reader:** Debbie Pegg

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Wed: 7:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hope Cottage Ministry

Sun: Worship 10:30 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Whitney Canning

Church School will resume on Sunday, September 22.

The Prayer Circle of our congregation is a group of people dedicated to the prayerful consideration of anyone who stands in need of prayer for whatever reason. Prayers can be requested by contacting Bonnie McLellan, fredamac@eastlink.ca or by phone, 902-434-4978. All requests are confidential.

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 410

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you; earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you joyfully.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour, all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour, lift us to your joy above.
4. Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals, join with every part,
for what joy is set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Hymn 64

1. Be still and know that I am God.
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2. I am the Lord that healeth thee.
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3. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
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Hymn 722

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander home-less; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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Hymn 645

1. 'Follow me,' the Master said: we will follow Jesus.
By his word and Spirit led, we will follow Jesus.
Still for us he lives to plead, at the throne will intercede,
offers help in time of need; we will follow Jesus.
2. Should the world and sin oppose, we will follow Jesus.
He is greater than our foes; we will follow Jesus.
On his promise we depend; he will hear us and defend,
help and keep us to the end; we will follow Jesus.
3. Though the way may dark appear, we will follow Jesus.
He will make our pathway clear; we will follow Jesus.
In our daily round of care, as we plead with God in prayer,
with the cross which we must bear, we will follow Jesus.
4. Ever keep that end in view; we will follow Jesus.
All his promises are true; we will follow Jesus.
When this earthly course is run, and the Master says, 'Well done!'
life eternal we have won; we will follow Jesus.