



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 21, Sunday, October 13, 2024

Thanksgiving Sunday

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 blesses us with gifts of love,

In relationships that bring joy and gratitude.

God blesses us with talents and opportunities to serve,

All we need for faithful living.

God protects us in times of danger,

And guards us from the time of trial.

So we gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

Praise be to God for all good things, now and always!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 803 (vs. 1,2,&4) "Come ye thankful"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of our lives, even in these challenging times, we know we enjoy an abundance many cannot imagine. Yet we confess we do not always recognize these blessings. We worry about the future, and whether our families can flourish. Forgive our fears of going without, and show us how to share the goodness that is already ours. Help us to be as generous to others as you are to us. This we ask in the name of the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Ransom. 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: 441 "Can a little child like me" (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (p.434); Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16(p.194)

Mark 10:17-31(p.40)

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 – based on Hebrews 4: 12-16

Hymn: 802 "For the fruits of all creation"

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 – By your Spirit, O God,

may our friends see in us signs of a grateful heart.

Hymn: 613 (Tune: 611) "Give thanks for life"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Lee & Naomi Walker **Elevator:** Livia Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton

Reader: Debbie Pegg

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Tues: 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

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.

Looking ahead: On Thursday, October 24. the Session is inviting the people of the congregation who would like to engage with the Session in a Visioning time for our congregation. God calls us to be the church; what is God calling our congregation to be as we move into the future? What goals do we need to embrace?

Please consider joining the Session to participate in this exercise, which will be led by our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Calvin Burt. We will gather in the Hall between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. and enjoy pizza and drinks together before the exercise.

Hymn 803

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come, to God's own temple, come: raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come: raise the glorious harvest home.

Hymn 441

1. 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 802

1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Hymn 613

1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
Hallelujah!
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right:
Hallelujah!
3. And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread:
Hallelujah!
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again:
Hallelujah!

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