



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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*)

The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

in humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

in faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;

in joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

Let us worship God together.

Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 377 "Come, children, join to sing"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of justice and mercy, you call us to take part in our community, loving our neighbours and serving your purposes. We confess this is easier said than done. We often sit in judgement on those who serve in public life, criticizing any who fall short of our expectations. Yet we confess we too fall short of your loving purpose for us. Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize, and too slow to join in what needs to be done. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

Declaration of forgiveness followed by The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

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

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 773 "Jesus bids us shine" (*all seated*)

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

Prayer of Illumination

Lessons: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (p. 226); 1 Samuel 2.1-10 (p.227) (Hannah's song in place of a Psalm); Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 (p.198); Mark 13:1-8 (p.43)

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 10:11-14, 19-25

Hymn: 751 (tune 9) "Forgive our sins"

Announcing the Offering of our gifts followed by The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others: God, in your mercy; **hear our prayer**

Hymn: 636 (tune 742) "When voices are confusing"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Wade & Sheila MacDonald

Elevator: Jim Kennedy **Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Alex Bruce

Reader: E. Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Mon: Outreach Committee 7 p.m. on ZOOM

Tues: 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry; 10:00 a.m. Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg meets at Kings Church, New Minas

Sunday, Nov. 24: Reign of Christ Sunday; 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion; Rev. Dr. Cynthia Chenard will conduct the service.

2025 Presbyterian Calendar in Lobby: Youth group selling them for \$7.00.

The Guild 2024 Fund Raising Project: Once again, a No-Bake Sale is being held! Donations can be placed on the offering plate marked "Guild" or by mail to the church, making cheques payable to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Guild or e-transfer to standrewspc216@gmail.com noting in the Message section that it is for the Guild. Thanks for your help!

Christmas Project: We are seeking \$3,000 to give to FEED NOVA SCOTIA. Sobeys will double donations received by December 2, and donations received after that will be sent in before Christmas.

The Session appreciates your help with this project!

Hymn 377

1. Come, children, join to sing – hallelujah, amen!
praise to our Servant King - hallelujah, amen!
Let all with heart and voice saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice – hallelujah, amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high – hallelujah, amen!
let praises fill the sky – hallelujah, amen!
Christ calls his people friends, lost, outcast he defends
with love that never ends- hallelujah, amen!

3. Loud now our voices raise – hallelujah, amen!
no power can still our praise – hallelujah, amen!
On heaven's blessed shore, God's goodness we'll adore
singing forever-more- hallelujah, amen!

Hymn 773

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In the world is darkness, so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim.
He looks down from heaven to see us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in this world abound:
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Hymn 751

1. Forgive our sins as we forgive you taught us Lord to pray,
but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say

2. How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart.

3. In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You.

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment
cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.
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Hymn 636

1. When voices are confusing, when right and wrong are blurred,
we need your help in choosing the way to be preferred;
our feet are prone to wander in paths untrue, untried:
O Christ, our strong commander, become our trusted guide.

2. When truth is hard to follow and facts are hard to find,
when crowd appeals are shallow, reshape, renew our mind.
Your ways we would be learning: oh make our choices clear,
that we, the more discerning, the more may persevere.

3. Our lives are yours: oh take us and shape our destiny;
through willing service make us all you would have us be.
Confirm this high endeavour against the reign of strife;
great Love, be ours forever, the Way, the Truth, the Life.