



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2026

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*)

One: There is one true God

All: whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace.

One: God creates all that is.

All: The whole universe displays the majesty and power of its Maker.

One: We worship God as the source of all life.

All: With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 414 "God, reveal your presence"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of grace and harmony,

we confess we can be divisive when you call us to unity,

quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace, and critical rather than

caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine you

would ask us to change even for the sake of the Gospel.

Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth.

Show us how we can witness to your love

through working and worshipping together. 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: 726 (all seated) "May the God of hope"(sing twice); "As your family,

Lord" (tune: Kum Bah Ya) words on other page

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (p.402); Responsive Reading:

Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a (p.153); Luke 4:14-21(p.53)

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: "The time has come"

Hymn: 499 "Tell me the old, old story"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Announcing The Offering of our gifts; gifts will be brought forward following The Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 457 "Now thank we all our God"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Luke Campbell **Elevator:** Ricky Sloan

Conducting the Service: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Chenard

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Pianist:** Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Cheryl Weeks **Reader:** Donna Lee Laveck

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: We welcome the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Chenard to our service and give thanks for her ministry with us.

Wed: Food Ministry 7:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery

Jim Russell died on January 20 at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Jim became a professing member on April 20, 2003 and was an elder from June 2010 until his retirement in September 2023. Jim was an active member of the Finance and Stewardship Committee for several years. The funeral is in the church on Saturday, February 1 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following the service.

1. As your family, Lord, meet us here,(sing 3 times), O Lord, meet us here.
2. Fill our spirits, Lord, with your love,(3 times, O Lord, with your love.
3. Make us faithful, Lord, to your will, (3 times), O Lord, to your will.
4. Repeat verse 1.

Hymn 414

1. God, reveal your presence; gladly we adore you,
and with awe appear before you.

Holy is your temple, all within keep silence,
humbly bow with deeper reverence.

You alone now we own, as our God and Saviour;
praise your name forever!

2. In God's holy presence; hear the harps resounding,
see the crowds the throne surrounding.

"Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending.

Turn your ear, to us here:

hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.

3. Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit;
all my trust is in your merit.

Like the holy angels on your glory gazing, we adore,
hosannas raising.

Let your will, every still rule your church terrestrial,
as the hosts celestial.

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Hymn 726

May the God of hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,

singing, share our joy with all,

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call

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Hymn 499

1. Tell me the old, old story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

Tell me the story simply, as to a little child,
for I am weak and weary, and helpless and defiled.

Refrain:

Tell me the old, old story; tell me the old, old story; tell me
the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. Tell me the story slowly, that I may take it in,
that wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon;
the early dew of morning has passed away at noon. **(R)**

3. Tell me the same old story, when you have cause to fear
that this world's empty glory is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory is dawning on my soul,
tell me the old, old story: Christ Jesus makes thee whole. **(R)**

Hymn 457

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.