



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 467 "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, you bring good out of evil and offer forgiveness for sin.

We confess that we do not understand your ways.

We are inclined to jealousy and revenge.

We want to repay people as they do to us,

hating in response to hatred, and loving in response to love.

We find your call to love even our enemies almost impossible.

Yet, with you, nothing is impossible,

and so we ask for your forgiveness and your transforming Spirit in our

lives; through Jesus Christ who on the cross forgave his enemies

and showed your eternal love. Loving God, by your gracious Spirit

help us to be merciful as you are merciful so that we may truly be the

children of the Most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: 698 "Saviour, teach me day by day" (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Genesis 45: 3–11, 15 (p.39); Responsive Psalm 37: 1–11, 39–40, (Refrain #1); Luke 6: 27–38 (p.56)

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 challenging heart of the gospel"

Hymn: 736 (tune 298) "For the healing of the nations"

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: 490 "God of grace and God of glory"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

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

Conducting the Service: Rev. Dr. Iona MacLean

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley

Reader: Lesley Waugh

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Iona MacLean to our service today. She is a retired minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and lives in Bedford.

Wed. Feb. 26 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry

Sun: March 2 10:30 a.m. 72nd Anniversary & Annual Meeting

Rev. Calvin Burt, our Interim Moderator, will conduct the service. The congregation was established on March 3, 1953. The *Annual Meeting* will be part of the worship. A potluck luncheon will be held in the Hall after the service; please bring sandwiches, cookies or other types of finger foods, Birthday cake will be served!

Annual Reports will be sent by email on or before February 25; a few printed ones will be available on Sunday.

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 467

1. Praise, my, soul, the God who crowns you,
crowns with mercy all your days;
bless the God whose good surrounds you, rescues, heals,
forgives, reclaims.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, all within me, bless and praise.
2. Praise God's mighty works of justice, for, as far as east from west,
God removes transgression from us and restores the sore-oppressed.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, may the Holy One be blest!
3. Mortal days are few in number; soon our place is known no more.
God eternal will remember, and the faithful will restore.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, children's children will adore.
4. Praise the Lord in highest heaven, mighty ones who do God's will,
angels, cry through all dominions, God is sovereign over all.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise your Maker, O my soul.

Hymn 698

1. Saviour, teach me day by day love's sweet lesson to obey;
sweeter lesson cannot be, loving God who first loved me.
2. With a child's glad heart of love at thy bidding may I move,
prompt to serve and follow thee,
loving God who first loved me.
3. Teach me thus thy steps to trace,
strong to follow in thy grace,
learning how to love from thee, loving God who first loved me.
4. Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all its joy;
ever new that joy will be, loving God who first loved me.

Hymn 736

Verse 1

For the healing of the nations Lord we pray with one accord
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Verse 2

Lead us forward into freedom from despair Your world release
that redeemed from war and hatred all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope
increase.

Verse 3

All that kills abundant living let it from the earth be banned
Pride of status race or schooling dogmas that obscure Your plan
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

Verse 4

You Creator-God have written your great name on humankind
For our growing in Your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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Hymn 490

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.