



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

Service colour: Purple

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*)

You are medicine for me when I am sick.

You are my strength when I need help.

You are life itself when I fear death.

You are the way when I long for heaven.

You are light when all is dark.

You are my food when I need nourishment. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 674 "In the bulb"

Call to confession

God of compassion, we are creatures who seek our own comfort. We confess that we prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from costly discipleship and put our own interests first. Forgive our fleeting commitment and the times we have indulged our own complaints. Have mercy on us. Inspire us with the energy to do your will and serve our neighbours in the example of Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

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: 206 (Sing twice); PWS&D Lenten reading (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 (p.11); Responsive Psalm 27;

Philippians 3: 17- 4:1 (p.175); Luke 13:31-35 (p.66)

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 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Hymn: 478 (tune 479) "To Abraham and Sarah"

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; (response: Lord Jesus Chris, lover of all, **bring healing, bring peace**); The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 685 "How firm a foundation"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Darlene Cossaboom

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton **Reader:** Darlene Cossaboom

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Tues: 1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thurs: 1pm Ladies' Guild

Sun: 10:30 am Worship, Church School & Nursery

A brother of Heather Hughes died recently in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Hope Cottage ministry has been serving dinners once a month to those in need for approximately forty years. For many reasons, the number of contributors has declined. We are hoping some new folks will join us as the need is going to be very challenging in the next weeks and months. It involves a very easy stew recipe once every two months (in between months, it's either a donation of fruit or margarine). Please advise any of the current co-ordinators should you be able to help. Many thanks! Kathy and Jim Kennedy, 902-469-0268; Lee and Naomi Walker, 902-403-8399.

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 674

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning, in our time infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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Hymn 206

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom;
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Hymn 478

1. To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear;
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

2. From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace,
and in their heart was written by God this saving word:
"that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

3. We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word:
"that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

Hymn 685

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can God say than to you hath been said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. 'Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. 'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. 'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

5. 'The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"