



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Third Sunday in Lent    March 23, 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*)

Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God who is near.

**We will return to the Lord our God.**

God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

**We come, seeking new paths to follow.**

As the heavens are higher than the earth so are God's ways higher than ours.

**We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 706 "Come, let us sing"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God of grace and mercy, we confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts; our ways are rarely your ways. Our tempers are short and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is weak and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of you. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, your Son, Jesus Christ. 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: 206 (sing twice); PWS&D Lenten Reading (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9 (p. 645), Responsive Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13(p.151), Luke 13:1-9 (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 Isaiah 55:1-9

Hymn: 198 "I hunger and I thirst"

**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: O God, give us hope in our time. **Turn our hearts to you.**); The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 699 "All the way"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshippers:** Marg Bingley **Elevator:** Jim Kennedy

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Nancy MacNeill Smith **Reader:** E. Margaret MacDonald

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

**This week at St. Andrew's:**

**Wed:** FOOD Ministry (7:00–9:15 am)

**Sun:** March 30 – 10:30am. Worship, Church School & Nursery - Rev. Dr. Iona MacLean, guest minister

**Holy Week at St. Andrew's:**

Maundy Thursday supper & service, 6:00 p.m. April 17 – service conducted by the Rev. Whitney Canning

Good Friday 10:30 a.m. service conducted by the Rev. Calvin Burt

**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 will 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 coordinators should you be able to help. Many thanks! Kathy and Jim Kennedy, 902-469-0268; Lee and Naomi Walker, 902-403-8399.

### **Hymn 706**

I. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love, tender and true, tender and true;  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you: wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell, sharing their sorrow and  
shame: seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet; why do they roam? why do they  
roam? Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home: wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love; come and abide, come and  
abide, lifting my life till it rises above envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

### **Hymn 206**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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### **Hymn 198**

1. I hunger and I thirst; Jesus my manna be:  
ye living waters, burst out of the rock for me.

2. Thou bruised and broken bread, my lifelong wants supply;  
as living souls are fed, oh feed me, or I die.

3. Thou true lifegiving vine, let me thy sweetness prove;  
renew my life with thine; refresh my soul with love.

4. Since first their course began, rough paths my feet have trod.  
Feed me, thou living bread; help me, thou Son of God.

5. For still the desert lies my thirsting soul before;  
O living waters, rise within me evermore.

### **Hymn 699**

1. All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell;  
for I know, whate'er befall me Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see.

3. All the way my Saviour leads me, oh the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages, 'Jesus led me all the way!'