



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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: (Psalm 146: 1,2) (*standing if able*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 39 "God of mercy, God of grace"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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: 631 "Jesus' hands are kind hands" (all seated)

PWS&D Lenten Reading (insert) (seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (p.657), Responsive Psalm 146 Refrain I (burgundy book), 2 Corinthians 5:16-19 (p.159), Mark 12:28-34 (p.42)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response: 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: "A complicated calling"

Hymn: 202 "We lay our broken world..."

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: 371 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Lee & Naomi Walker **Elevator:** Jim Kennedy

Conducting the Service: Rev. Dr. Iona MacLean

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

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley **Reader:** Donna Lee Laveck

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

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.

Holy Week at St. Andrew's:

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

Please sign the sheet in the front lobby if you plan to attend. A light meal will be served.

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

Easter Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

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

Hymn 39

1. God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine; fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.
2. Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live,
all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Hymn 631

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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Hymn 202

1. We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate.
2. Here human life seems less than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.
3. We bring our broken towns, our neighbours hurt and bruised,
you show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.

4. We bring our broken loves, friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see that love must be reborn.
5. We bring our broken selves, confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.
6. O Spirit, on us breathe, with life and strength anew;
Find in us love, and hope, and trust, and lift us up to you.

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Hymn 371

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.