



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday in Lent March 9, 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*)

We live in the shelter of the Most High,

We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

For God is the One in whom we trust.

The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 452 "Jesus stand among us"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving in order to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done, and transform us into the likeness of Jesus. Help us to serve you by serving your world with the same generosity you show us in and through 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: 206 (sing twice); PWS&D Lenten reading (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1–11 (p.168); Responsive Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16 ;

Romans 10:8b–13 (p.140) ; Luke 4:1–13 (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: based on Deuteronomy 26: 1–11

Hymn: 200 "Lord, Jesus, who through forty days"

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 in your mercy,

hear our prayer); The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 746 "What a friend"

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: Heather Barkhouse; **Placing the Bible:** Debbie Pegg

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek; **Reader:** Mary Pyche

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Wed: Hope Cottage Ministry (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Thurs: Clan Donald Ceilidh; All Welcome – Admission: Feed NS donation

Sun: 10:30 a.m. Worship, Church School & Nursery

The Search Committee held its initial meeting on March 5. The Convenor is Erin Sloan; other members of the Search Committee are Wade MacDonald, Alex Bruce, Jamie Leck, Ian Murray, Ross Barkhouse, Megan Douglas, Naomi Walker and the Clerk of Session. The Congregational Profile is ready to be sent to The Presbyterian Church in Canada; applications close on May 16, 2025. The Search Committee seeks your prayers as we move into this new journey in our congregation.

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 452

1. Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.
2. Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.
3. Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way,
watching for the dawning of eternal day.

Hymn 206

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Hymn 200

1. Lord Jesus, who through forty days or us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins, and at your side to stay.
2. As you with Satan did contend, and did the vict'ry win,
oh give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.
3. As thirst and hunger once you bore, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and daily live by your most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through the Passiontide,
now, evermore, in life and death, Lord Christ, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Hymn 746

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.