



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Easter 3 May 4, 2025

Service colour: White

Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

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*)

Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

We will give thanks to God's holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

We will give thanks to God's holy name.

God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 325 "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of grace, we acknowledge the ways in which we fall short of your hope and purposes for us. We confess we find it difficult to forgive others and ourselves. We carry grudges about things done by others long ago. And things we have done still haunt us. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. 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: 674 "In the bulb" (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Acts 9:1-6 (p.111), Responsive Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14 (p.220), John 21:1-19 (p.101)

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: based on Revelation 5: 11-14

Hymn: 248 "At the dawning"

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: 707 "More love to thee"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Lee and Naomi Walker

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Ross Barkhouse

Reader: Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Sun: May 11, 10:30 am Christian Family Sunday

The Search Committee met on April 30 and will meet the week of May 18 to review applications. Please keep the Committee in your prayers during this journey.

Mission Moment

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbyterian Church in Canada supports many vital outreach ministries across Canada. One such ministry is Rivière des Prairies, a mission of the Presbytery of Montreal that plays a significant role in outreach within the city's east end. This mission focuses on connecting with immigrants where there is a growing presence of new Canadians, mainly from Cameroon. Rivière des Prairies celebrates multilingualism in its church services and children's programming, creating an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada. Through these efforts, the mission fosters a strong sense of community and supports individuals on their shared faith journey.

Hymn 325

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep and calm amid the storm did sleep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the waters dark and rude,
and bade their angry tumult cease, and gave, for wild confusion, peace:
oh hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power, our kindred shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where-so e'er they go;
then evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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 248

1. At the dawning of salvation, in the morning of the world
Christ is raised, a living banner by the love of God unfurled.
Through the daylight, through the darkness
Christ leads on His great array:
All the saints and all the sinners he has gathered on His way.

2. He is risen in the morning; he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness; he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered; he has triumphed; life is His alone to give;
as he gave it once, he gives it evermore, that we may live.

3. For the glory of salvation in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father; we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit.
Lead us on Your great array, saints and sinners celebrating your triumphant
love today.

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Hymn 707

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:
hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea; more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

2. Through all that life may bring – joy, grief or pain,
work out thy perfect plan – true heavenly gain;
only create in me more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

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