



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Easter 4 May 11, 2025

Service colour: White

Christian Family 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: Psalm 23 (unison) (*standing if able*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 434 "For the beauty of the earth."

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, we confess we stray from your ways like lost sheep; we follow the devices and desires of our own hearts, ignoring the needs of others and seeking more for ourselves. We judge ourselves more generously than others and fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you. Forgive the ways we betray your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. 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: 703 "Happy the home" (all seated)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Acts 9:36-43 (p.112), Revelation 7:9-17 (p.221), John 10:22-30 (p.90)

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 7:9-17

Hymn: 11 "The Lord's my shepherd"

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 (Response: Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**)

Hymn: 485 "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Jamie Leck **Elevator:** Jim Kennedy

Conducting the Service: Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Megan Douglas **Reader:** Lesley Waugh

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Wed: Hope Cottage Ministry (7:00am – 4:00pm)

Sun: May 18 – 10:30am Worship

Looking ahead:

Sun: May 25 – Rev. Kenn Stright, guest minister

Sun: June 8 – Day of Pentecost – Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, fellowship after service.

The Presbyterian Church of St. David, Halifax is hosting a Palestinian luncheon on Sunday, May 25 at 12:30 p.m. Donations: \$10 or more. A neighbour of St. David's has family in Gaza and all donations support that family. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Valerie MacDonald 902-423-1944

Hymn 434

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Hymn 703

1. Happy the home when God is there, and love fills every breast,
where one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.
2. Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet in every ear,
where children early sing his fame,
and parents hold him dear.
3. Happy the home where prayer is heard and praise is quick to rise,
where parents love the sacred word
that makes the simple wise.
4. Lord, let us in our home agree this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee,
and love to all will reign.

Hymn 11

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness even for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Hymn 485

1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us: much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have bought us; yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have bought us, yours we are.
2. We are yours; in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock from sin, defend us; seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear your children when we pray.
3. Let us always seek your favour; let us always do your will.
Jesus Christ our only Saviour, with yourself our spirits fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! you have loved us; love us still.