



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Service colour: Green

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*)

In a world of constant flux, we gather today to remember that our God is unchanging, our refuge and strength in every season.

We are grateful that your love endures forever. We draw strength from the knowledge that no human action or decision can cancel out your presence or your peace.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

Hymn: 330 "O God, our help in ages past"

Minister: Gracious God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we come before you with our fears and failures, our confusions and concerns about what the future holds. Forgive our selfishness, enlarge our vision, and enable us to be the people we could be, faithful servants.

Prayer of Confession: (unison) **God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us as a congregation. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.**

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: 18 (vs.1,2,4&6) "Through all the changing scenes of life" (seated)

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Jeremiah 29:10–14 (p.690); Responsive Psalm:67;

Revelation 21:10– 22:5 (p.231); John 14: 23–29 (p. 95)

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: "Transitional Times"

Hymn: 324 "Great is thy faithfulness"

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: 744 "Will your anchor hold"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Megan Douglas **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Conducting the Service: Rev. H. Kenneth Stright

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks

Placing the Bible: Naomi Walker

Reader: Darlene Cossaboom

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: We are pleased to welcome to our service, the Rev. H. Kenneth Stright. He is a retired minister of our church who lives in West Petpeswick.

Wed: 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. FOOD Ministry

Sun: August 31 – Fellowship Hour after service to give thanks to Bert Vanderbeek for his ministry with us during the past 17 months!

MISSION MOMENT: For the past four decades, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean has been a living link between The Presbyterian Church in Canada and one of its oldest mission partners, The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. Along with teams of pastors and elders, Paul worked to produce accurate translations of the Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament in Hakka and many other Indigenous languages of Taiwan. Paul recently retired as mission staff of the PCC. We give thanks for Paul and his ministry. In "retirement" Paul will continue supporting translation teams in Taiwan until the end of 2026, serving as a Bible Society in Taiwan translation consultant while also mentoring younger translation officers.