



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Eighth day of Pentecost**

**Date: August 3, 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*)

We are children of God, learning to walk.

**Day by day, we are learning to be the church.**

God has redeemed us from trouble.

**God leads us on paths of justice and righteousness.**

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

**God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 338 "Let all things now living"

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways because of your self-sacrificial love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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: 726 "May the God of hope" (all seated) (sing twice)

Prayer for Illumination

Lessons: Hosea 11:1-11 (p.796), Psalm 107:1-9, Colossians 3:1-11 (p.178), Luke 12:13-21 (p.64)

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 Hosea 11:1-11)

Hymn: 751(tune 517) "Forgive our sins"

**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 Jesus Christ, lover of all: **Bring healing, bring peace**)

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:** Dave & Ann Campbell

**Elevator:** Gordon Ross

**Conducting the Service:** Rev. Bert Vanderbeek

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

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

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

**Mission Moment**

In the village of Kaph Tola, India, the Karuna Project's Task Force addresses gender issues, including child marriage and its consequences. When a member discovered that his 15-year-old niece, Amba, was scheduled to marry soon, the Task Force urged her family to cancel the wedding as it would impact her ability to continue school and influence her future. The family hesitated because of the paid dowry, but with help from a local legal team, the Task Force convinced them. Amba is grateful. Now, she can continue pursuing her education and achieving her dreams. The Task Force continues its vital home visits, fostering brighter futures by preventing similar situations. This project is supported by PWS&D.

**A Land Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that we are in the Mik'ma'ki-the unceded territory and the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

### Hymn 338

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces; the stars in their courses,  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### Hymn 726 (sing twice)

May the God of hope go with us every day  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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### Hymn 751

1. Forgive our sins as we forgive you taught us Lord to pray,  
but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say

2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart.

3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You.

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment  
cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.  
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### Hymn 746

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear;  
what a privilege to carry every thing 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.