



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 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*)

M: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**C: We seek the Lord with all our hearts, and delight in His commands.**

M: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**C: We will meditate on Your precepts and fix our eyes on Your ways.**

M: Teach us, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and we will keep it to the end.

**C: With our whole hearts we lift our praise, for Your steadfast love is everlasting.**

**All together: Let us worship the Lord,  
whose Word gives life and whose promises never fail.**

Hymn: 377 "Come, children join to sing"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God of justice and mercy,  
we offer you our love and loyalty in worship  
yet we admit we do not live out that love and loyalty.**

**We don't always act on our good intentions,  
we fail to keep our promises, we hurt each other,  
and then refuse to seek or offer forgiveness.**

**People look at us and wonder about the discrepancy in our faith.  
Forgive us, we pray, and help us to do better, for we ask this in Jesus'  
name. 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: 400 "Spirit of the living God" (all seated)

Prayer for Illumination

God of truth and wisdom, open our eyes and minds as we listen to your Word. Refresh our understanding and equip us to respond to you in love, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lessons: Responsive Psalm 119:1-16, Romans 12:6-8 (p. 141),

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (p. 153), Ephesians 4:11-13 (p. 171), 1 Peter 4:10-11 (p. 207), John 14:15-17 (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: "Gift, Gifts and the Gifted"

Hymn: 389 "Breathe on me, breath of God"

#### 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 (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 382 "Spirit of God, descend upon my heart"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshipers:** Darlene Cossaboom/Ben Glennie

**Elevator:** Erin Sloan **Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Nancy Heighton **Reader:** Cheryl Weeks

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

### **This week at St. Andrew's**

**Today:** We welcome our new minister, the Rev. Krishna Durbha, as well as his spouse, Neena and son, Kairos. May the peace of Christ be with Krishna as he begins his ministry among us.

**Wed:** Hope Cottage Ministry; side door is open by 7 a.m. for dropping off items.

**Dear congregation of St. Andrew's,** I want to thank you for letting me share God's Word with you over the last year and a half. I have fond memories of my time with you. I want to wish you God's richest blessings as you continue to walk with Jesus under the guidance of a new pastor. Regards, Pastor Bert

**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 377**

1. Come, children, join to sing – hallelujah, amen!  
praise to our Servant King - hallelujah, amen!  
Let all with heart and voice saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice – hallelujah, amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high – hallelujah, amen!  
let praises fill the sky – hallelujah, amen!  
Christ calls his people friends, lost, outcast he defends  
with love that never ends- hallelujah, amen!

3. Loud now our voices raise – hallelujah, amen!  
no power can still our praise – hallelujah, amen!  
On heaven's blessed shore, God's goodness we'll adore  
singing forever-more- hallelujah, amen!

### **Hymn 400**

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God,  
fill our lives with love. *Copyright: music & words @Birdwing Music, 1935, 1965.*  
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### **Hymn 389**

1. Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.  
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.  
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.  
4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

### **Hymn 382**

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel messenger, no opening skies,  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind;  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:  
oh let me seek thee and oh let me find.

4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to face the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar and thy love the flame.