



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19, 2025

Students and Colleges Sunday

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: God promises us justice,

C: and teaches us persistence.

M: God promises us compassion,

C: and teaches us not to lose heart.

M: God promises to be with us

C: and teaches us to tend to each other.

M: So let us worship our God of comfort and challenge,

C: We will offer prayers and praise to our God of hope and healing.

Hymn: 425 "We praise you, O God"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of our hopes and our hearts,

You provide the gift of faith but we lose heart quickly. Troubles weaken our trust and disappointments eat away at our commitment. Forgive us and create in us clean hearts and in your love, give us peace and perseverance. Amen.

Song: 561 "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us."

Declaration of forgiveness

M: May the Peace of Christ be upon you **C: And also on you.**

A sharing of the Peace of Christ, followed by *Hallelujah* (Hymn 294)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 348 "Tell me the stories of Jesus" (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

Prayer for Illumination (read by the reader)

Loving God, open our minds and hearts to receive your Word and the

meditation for today, so that we may live more faithfully as we follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Lessons: Jeremiah 22:3 (p.682), Responsive Reading: Psalm 5, Luke 18:1-8 (p.70)

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: "Perseverance in Prayer"

Hymn: 638 "Take time to be holy"

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: 717 "We cannot own the sunlit sky"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ricky Sloan **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Dave Campbell **Reader:** Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Tuesday, October 21: 1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

The minister and Cheryl Weeks will be attending the annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces in Charlottetown, PE, from October 20 – 22.

October 24 & 25: Presbyterian World Service & Development Fall Committee Meeting will be held in our Church Hall. PWS&D is led by a group of committed ministers and lay leaders from across Canada; there will be 17 people gathered for this meeting. This is the first time that the Committee has met in our area and we extend to them a warm welcome and look forward to offering our hospitality.

A brother of Dave Campbell died on October 13; he lived in Cape Breton. We extend to Dave and Ann Campbell our deepest sympathy.

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A note re Christ Church Food Ministry: Last week, while dropping items off at Christ Church on behalf of the congregation, we spoke with the coordinator. They were thanked for our continued support and informed of how much the clients appreciate receiving the much-needed items. It was also mentioned that a few items are not given as often, but are greatly needed. These items are toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, personal hygiene items, cakes of soap, shampoo and cat food. We thought it might be interesting to set a Sunday to have a drive to acquire these items. Let's all mark our calendars for next **Sunday, Oct. 26**, and see how we do!

Jim & Kathy Kennedy

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.

MISSION MOMENT:

Presbyterians Sharing supports lay leaders, including those in prison communities, through access to courses offered by Theological Education by Extension in Malawi. The Certificate program in Biblical Studies expands participants' biblical knowledge, fosters collaborative leadership, and increases leadership capacity. Edina was active in her congregation but often doubted her ability to lead. She says, "I used to sit at the back during meetings and just listen. I had ideas burning inside me, but I lacked the confidence and the knowledge to speak up or guide others. Through this program, I've gained not just biblical insight, but the courage to lead." Recently, Edina was appointed as leader of the women's guild in her church, where she teaches and mentors younger women.