



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2026

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: From the routines of work and school, home and play,

C: we have come to worship God.

M: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

C: we have come to worship God.

M: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

C: we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

M: For we trust in God's power and presence,

All: so let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

Hymn: 757 "Come sing, O church, in joy!"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, You created us with gifts of intelligence and imagination.

Yet we confess we do not use them for the best of our ability.

So often we think that we are great when we are small.

Or we claim smallness when you set a challenge before us.

We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet every sin offends your purpose for us. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us a truer picture of ourselves. 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: 773 "Jesus bids us shine" (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

Prayer for Illumination

God of all truth, when we think that we have life all figured out, hold up the mirror of your Word so that we can see our own foolishness. If we think we are beyond forgiveness, reflect to us your Word of mercy and love, offered to us through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Lessons: Responsive Psalm: 84, John 4:7-15 (p.82), John 7:37-39 (p.87)

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: "Water is Life"

Hymn: 198 "I hunger and I thirst"

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: 699 "All the way my Saviour leads me"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ian Murray **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley

Reader: Ian Murray

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week:

Today: We welcome Brett Meyer to our service; he is a member of the PWS&D Committee

Mon: 7 pm Outreach & Education Committee

Wed: 7:00 – 9:15am FOOD Ministry

Thurs: 7 pm Worship & Fellowship Committee

Tuesday: 1:30 pm Iona Atlantic Mission Society is hosting a brown bag auction.

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.