



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 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: The Lord is our light and salvation.

C: We will not be afraid.

M: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

C: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

M: Let God's people shout for joy!

C: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

All: Come let's worship; let us rejoice together!

Hymn: 292 "Father, I adore you"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful and faithful God, you call us to live in the way of Christ, yet we confess that we often fall short. Instead of compassion, we judge one another; instead of peace, we cling to division; instead of trust, we give way to fear and doubt. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may be shaped by your grace and strengthened to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)

Announcements

Hymn: 476 "Amigos, de Cristo" (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

O God, we seek your wisdom and truth in the Scriptures. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to open our minds and hearts to receive the gift of your Word. Challenge and comfort us in what we hear, and strengthen us to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

Lessons: Isaiah 9: 1-4 (p. 597): Responsive Reading - Psalm 103; Acts 9: 1-5 (p. 111); Matthew 4: 12-23 (p. 3)

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: "Come, Follow"

Hymn: 592 "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

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: 645 "Follow me, the Master said"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Lee & Naomi Walker

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Jamie Leck

Reader: Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week:

Today: Tea, coffee and juice will be served in the Hall after the service.

Wed: FOOD Ministry – items to the church by 9:15 a.m.

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:

For over 75 years, the church and PWS&D have dedicated themselves to helping the most marginalized people around the world. Through partnerships with our global partners and ecumenical networks and coalitions, we are helping create change within our shared global community. Together, we are working to restore dignity, ease suffering, and empower communities to thrive through cooperation. Guided by our faith, we are called to stand beside those we serve—advocating for equality, sustainability, human dignity, peace and care for God's creation. Together, we are working toward a future that is sustainable, compassionate, and just.