



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Service colour: Purple

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: Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,

C: and God's truth opens our eyes.

M: Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ,

C: and God's love brings healing and hope.

M: Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,

C: and God's people are born from above.

M: We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.

All: Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.

Hymn: 81 "Unto the hills"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we prefer simple certainty to seeking deeper understanding. We settle for what we know, ignoring our doubts and questions. Forgive us when our faith falters because what we think no longer satisfies. Open our eyes to the truth you hold out to us in Christ, and give us courage to rethink what we have assumed about you and your love for the world.

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: 400 "Spirit of the living God" and 206 "Jesus, remember me" (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

God of Wisdom, we turn to Scripture to listen and learn. Send your Holy Spirit to help us listen carefully so that we hear what we have not heard before and learn to follow Christ with deeper understanding and renewed commitment. Amen

PWS&D Lenten Reading Insert

Lessons: Genesis 12:1-4a (p. 9), Responsive Reading - Psalm 121;

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (p. 135), John 3:1-17 (p. 81)

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: "Soul Searching"

Hymn: 193 "Out of my bondage"

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: 643 (vs. 1,3,4,5) "Lift high the cross"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Mike Barkhouse **Elevator:** Jim Kennedy

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Bill Langley **Reader:** Nancy McNeil

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week:

Mon: 7 pm Session Meeting

Tues: 10:30 am-11:30 am Bible Study – Neena Durbha

Thurs: 1 pm AMS; World Day of Prayer will be live-streamed in the Hall; all are welcome

Sun: March 8 – 73rd Anniversary & Annual Meeting. A potluck luncheon will follow in the Hall. Folks are invited to bring finger foods, e.g. sandwiches, fruit, cookies; an anniversary cake will be served.

- Camp Geddie is now seeking staff for the 2026 summer season.

We welcome anyone aged 16 or older to apply for the many positions we are offering. This year, the camping season runs from July 2 to August 14. Campers may also register at this time, subject to the available dates and age groups. For more information, please visit www.campgeddie.ca

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.

Second Sunday in Lent PWS&D Reading

One: God's covenant continued through Abram and Sarai. God promised that things would change.

All: Even Abram and Sarai's names changed as a sign of God's constant presence with them.

One: The promise that God made is our promise too: When we journey with God, God will make us fruitful and the people of faith will increase.

All: May we embrace the changes that leave power, might and pride behind.

Assurance:

One: May the God of the covenant love us so much that we cannot stay the same.

All: May Christ, who called people to give up everything and follow him, also compel us to follow him.

One: May the Holy Spirit of comfort assure us that in every change, God is faithful.

All: May we hear the call of the God of covenant and change.

