



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

73rd Anniversary & Annual Meeting

March 8, 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: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: His steadfast love endures forever.

M: For seventy-three years, God has been faithful to this congregation.

C: Through every season, God has guided, sustained, and blessed us.

M: We remember and thank God for those who first dreamed, prayed, and built this church.

C: Their faith laid the foundation on which we now stand.

M: We celebrate the generations who worshipped here, who sang hymns of praise, shared the Word, and served their neighbours.

C: We give thanks for their witness and their love.

M: Today we continue to gather as the living church of Jesus Christ.

C: Called to worship, to serve, and to proclaim the good news.

M: Let us lift our hearts with gratitude for the past, with joy in the present, and with hope for the future.

All: With thankful hearts, we come to worship the Lord!

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

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison) **God our redeemer, we confess**

that our thoughts and prayers are not always what they should be. At times we complain when things do not go the way we hope. Sometimes we hesitate when you call us to move. We look to others when circumstances do not meet our expectations. Forgive us, gracious God, when we fail to listen carefully for your voice. Renew our hearts and guide us in your ways. 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

Testimony – Jocelyn Ryan-Wiggin

Hymn: 475 "I am the church!" (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus Christ, we turn to you this day to be refreshed by your living Word in the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to your truth and shine truth on the way you set before us. Amen.

PWS&D Lenten reading

Lessons: Exodus 17:1–7 (p. 59), Responsive Reading–Psalm 136;

Romans 5:1–5 (p. 135), John 4:5–42 (p. 82)

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: "Living Water"

Hymn: 198 "I hunger and I thirst"

2025 Annual Report – Cheryl Weeks, Clerk of Session

2025 Audited Financial Statements – Andrew Kennedy, Convener

Finance & Stewardship

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*)

Recommendations from Outreach & Education Committee – Ricky Sloan, Convener

2026 Proposed Operating Budget – Andrew Kennedy

Nominating Committee – Jamie Leck, Convener

Prayer of Thanksgiving and for others; The Lord’s Prayer (debts, debtors)

Hymn: 651 “Guide me, O thou great Redeemer”
Benediction & Choral Amen
Song: “Go now in peace” (*all seated*) (hymn book – inside back cover)
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Postlude
Potluck luncheon in Hall

Welcoming Worshippers: Ricky Sloan **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse
Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron
Placing the Bible: Nancy Heighton **Reader:** Debbie Pegg
Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This Week:
Tues: 10:30–11:30 a.m. Bible Study – The Psalms
Wed: Hope Cottage Ministry
Thurs: 7 p.m. Ceilidh in the Hall; all are welcome. Admission is a food item for FEED Nova Scotia

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Outreach Recommendations:

Rec. #1 That the Presbyterians Sharing Allocation for 2026 be \$25,000
Rec. #2 That a grant of \$4,000 be made from the Mission, Outreach & Benevolence category of the Legacy for Growth Fund for the Ivan C. Currie Bursary to be given to a graduating student of Dartmouth High School.
Rec. #3 That a grant of \$4,000 be made from the Mission, Outreach & Benevolence category of the Legacy for Growth Fund for a bursary to be given to a graduating student of Woodlawn High School.

Nominating Recommendations:

Please note that one term runs from one Annual Meeting to the next Annual Meeting

Worship & Fellowship: June Stone, 3 terms
Jean St. Pierre, 2 terms, Erin Sloan, 1 term
Dawn Hemsworth, 1 term

Outreach & Education: Livia Barkhouse, 2 terms
A.J. McDonald, 1 term, Lisa Glennie, 1 term,
Heather Barkhouse, 1 term

Finance & Stewardship: Robyn Murray, 2 terms,
Lisa Glennie, 1 term, Lesley Waugh, 1 term

Property: Mike Barkhouse, 2 terms,
Neil Pegg, 2 terms, David Campbell, 1 term,
Jocelyn Wiggin, 1 term

Nominating: Donna Lee Laveck, 1 term,
Kathy Kennedy, 1 term

Treasurer: Joyce Ross
Auditors: Russ Trimper, (internal), Susan Osborne (external)
Trustees: Wade MacDonald, Gerry Archibald, Cheryl Weeks

Third Sunday in Lent

One: God gave us the covenant of the law to guide us and help us live with our neighbours in love.

All: When we break God's law, we leave our neighbours hurt and bruised.

One: God's law is a gift to us, showing us how to keep our part of the covenant.

All: Even through old pain and wounds, may we embrace the new life that Christ can bring.

Assurance:

One: May the God of the law guide us in living lives that keep the covenant of love.

All: May Christ's forgiveness grant us new life, even when we break God's law.

One: May the Holy Spirit of conviction lead us to confession and renewal.

All: May we respond in love to the God of covenant and change.