



**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 2026**

**Service colour: White**

**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: All things of God, all the heavens,

**C: Worship and praise your Maker.**

M: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

**C: Worship and praise your Maker.**

M: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

**C: Worship and praise your Maker.**

M: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,

**C: all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,**

**ALL: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.**

Hymn: 814 "Morning has broken"

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**God our Redeemer, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised. 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: 260 "Alleluia, alleluia" (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

*Prayer for Illumination*

Gracious God, as we listen to the Scripture, increase our understanding by the power of your Spirit. Shape our lives with your wisdom and inspire our love through Christ, your living Word. Amen

Lessons: Exodus 15:1-11 (p. 57), Responsive Reading - Psalm 27;

1 Peter 1:3-9 (p. 205), John 20:19-31 (p. 101)

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: "Peace filled belief"

Hymn: 247 "Christ the Lord is risen today"

**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: 258 "Thine be the glory"

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

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**Welcoming Worshippers:** Megan Douglas

**Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron

**Placing the Bible:** Alex Bruce      **Reader:** E. Margaret MacDonald

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

**This week at St. Andrew's**

**Today:** Coffee hour in Hall; if you can help with future coffee hours until June 21, please sign the sheet in the lobby

**Monday:** 7 p.m. Personnel & Planning Committee

**Tuesday:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Book of Proverbs) led by the minister

**Thursday:** AMS gathering 1 p.m. in the Hall; The Moderator of the General Assembly (on ZOOM) and the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald (in person) will give a presentation on their trip to Israel/Palestine in Sept. 2025. All are welcome.

**Saturday:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Indoor Yard Sale. Some additional volunteers are needed; please sign the sheet in the lobby if you can give some time either on Friday or Saturday.

**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.