



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Mission Awareness Sunday
April 26, 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: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

C: God, you are with us!

M: God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

C: God, restore our souls!

M: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

C: God, we will not be afraid!

All: God, our Shepherd, we praise you for your goodness with us every day.

Hymn: 11 *The Lord's my shepherd*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, You have called us to be Your witnesses in the world, yet we confess that we often turn inward. We choose comfort over compassion, silence over sharing Your love, and fear over faithful obedience. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts by Your Spirit, open our eyes to the needs around us, and send us out with courage and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, 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: 229 *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, send Your Holy Spirit among us. Open our minds to understand, and our hearts to receive Your truth. Show us Your will for the world You love, and our place within Your mission. Give us ears to hear Your call and courage to follow where You lead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Lessons: Ezekiel 34:7-15 (p. 759), Responsive Reading - Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47 (p. 104); John 10:1-10 (p. 90)

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: "Who's going to tell the story"

Hymn: 485 *Saviour, like a shepherd lead us*

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: 757 *Come sing, O church, in joy*

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: Jim Kennedy

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Placing the Bible: Jamie Leck **Reader:** Mary Pyche

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Today: Please come for coffee/tea in Hall after the service

Mon. 7 p.m. Outreach & Education Committee

Tues: 10:30 Bible Study

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

Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as “an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves.” Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. On the PCC's Mission Blog web page, he shares the enriching developments facilitated by the UMN in sectors of Nepal. He describes “the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing.” With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.