



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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: God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

C: **God offers compassion to all creation.**

M: With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

C: **With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.**

M: In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

All: **We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name.**

Hymn: 103 (vs. 1,2,3 &5) *O Lord thou art my God & King*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Wise and patient God, you offer us peace, yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled. You offer us courage, yet we are timid and resentful when life is challenging. You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose, yet we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires. Forgive us, O God, and draw our attention back to you.

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: 625 *Seek ye first* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit God, be our guide as we listen for your word in the Scriptures. When we are puzzled, grant us clarity. When we resist hearing, open our hearts. Renew our understanding through the grace of Christ, our Living word. Amen

Lessons: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (p. 18), Responsive Reading - Psalm 145; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (p. 10)

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: "A Call to All"

Hymn: 357 *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

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: 671 *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Bob Armstrong **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Debbie Pegg

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This Week:

Wed. Hope Cottage (side door open at 7 a.m.)

Sun: July 12 Service will be offered by the elders

***Our minister is on vacation from July 6 to 14; he will then be serving as Chaplain at Camp Geddie from July 15 to 21.

On July 19, the guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell from Atlantic School of Theology

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

At 16, Ahmad Reza carries heavy responsibilities. Living in Bamyan, Afghanistan, he was orphaned by the loss of both parents, becoming the main support for his family. He cares for his two younger brothers and lives with his sister's family, who also face extreme poverty. The winter months are particularly difficult as food becomes scarce. Overwhelmed by grief and financial pressure, Reza was forced to leave school. He now works as an apprentice at a garage to gain skills for his family's future. Relief came when Reza's family received three months of cash assistance through a winter cash-for-food program supported by PWS&D. "For the first time in months, the constant worry about our next meal has eased," he said. Reza hopes his training will soon allow him to support his family fully.