



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Date: August 9, 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. Give thanks to God!

C: We will tell the world what God has done.

M: Let us bring praise to the name of our Creator.

C: We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

M: Recall all that God provides.

All: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

Hymn: 434 *For the beauty of the earth*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Holy and gracious God, You are righteous in all your ways and steadfast in your covenant love. We come before you acknowledging that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. You call us to trust you with courage and perseverance, yet we are often ruled by fear and choose the path of comfort rather than faithful obedience. You call us to seek justice and defend those who are wronged, yet we remain silent when truth should be spoken. You command us to love our neighbours as ourselves, yet selfishness, impatience, and unkindness too often shape our words and actions. Forgive us, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who bore our sin and reconciled us to you. By your Holy Spirit, renew our hearts,

strengthen our faith, and lead us in the way of obedience, that our lives may reflect your grace and bring glory to your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we ask.

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: 674 *In the bulb there is a flower* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: God of wisdom, as we gather to hear your Word this day, calm our spirits and still our minds so that we can receive your message with clarity and respond in faithfulness. Amen.
Lessons: 1 Kings 19:9-18 (p. 302); Responsive Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15 (p. 140); Matthew 14:22-33 (p. 14)

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: "Faith"

Hymn: 689 *Simply trusting every day*

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: 744 *Will your anchor hold*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Kairos Durbha

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** Nancy Heighton

Reader: E. Margaret MacDonald

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week:

Wed: Hope Cottage Ministry

From August 12 – August 16, Kairos Durbha and Ben Glennie will attend a youth conference sponsored by The Presbyterian Church in Canada at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. The theme of the conference is *(Em)Brace for Impact*. Our congregation helped fund their trip through the Stewart Mission Fund, and the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg and the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces also provided funds.

There are 4 youth and 1 youth leader from the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg attending. We wish them a wonderful experience at Brock University!

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.