



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

Date: August 23, 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*)

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

You are in the midst of us, O Lord;

And we are called by your name.

Called, blessed and united

Let us worship God.

Hymn: 434 *For the beauty of the earth*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

In the strength of the Spirit, we come to renew our commitment to you, to serve in the name of Christ Jesus. Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ. 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: 699 *All the way my Saviour leads me* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

God of truth and wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit as we listen to your Word. Refresh our understanding and equip us to respond to you in love, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Lessons: Exodus 1:8-2:10 (p. 45); Psalm 138; Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 15)

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

Hymn: 399 *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness*

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: 634 *Will you come and follow me*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Mary Pyche

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Pianist: Cheryl Weeks **Offertory:** Jake Barkhouse

Reader: Mary Pyche

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: We are pleased to have the Rev. Whitney Canning join us to conduct the service. Whitney begins a new journey in her ministry, having been called to serve as minister at the Church of St. David in Halifax, beginning on September 1. May God continue to embrace her with love and grace.

Wed: FOOD Ministry – items to be dropped off by 9:15 a.m.

Our minister is on vacation until August 31; if you require pastoral care, please contact Cheryl Weeks, Clerk of Session.

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

On World Humanitarian Day, (Aug.19), we recognize and celebrate the efforts of humanitarian workers who provide life-saving assistance to millions of people affected by conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies. Whatever their faith, they are the living examples of what Jesus asked us to do. We give thanks for PWS&D's partners, who work tirelessly to ensure that essential food aid gets delivered, devastated communities are rebuilt and access to life-saving resources is within reach. Humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the welfare of vulnerable and marginalized people. Through collaborative efforts, we work together to build a sustainable, compassionate and just world. With daily reports of so many struggling around the world, let us take a moment today to honour these selfless advocates and offer unwavering support for their vital efforts.