



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

Date: August 30, 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.: O God, who brought us out of the womb; we know you are never far.

C: We come trusting that You hear us, and will not forsake us.

M: Just as when our ancestors trusted in You, let those who trust in you now not be put to shame;

C: You brought us from the womb, O God; and from the womb, you have been our God.

M: Come, then, with all our longings, hope, and trust;

C: and let us worship God!

Hymn: 410 *Joyful, Joyful*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Heavenly Father, ever present, guiding, and merciful, we come to you today as flawed children seeking guidance and forgiveness for our times of weakness, and wrongdoing. Give us your strength, O God, to walk in your ways, to choose righteousness, and to serve and uplift each other. Help us to align our hearts and wills with your will, O God, that your kingdom might be better seen and experienced here on earth. In your Son's name, 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: 570 *I have decided to follow Jesus* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts and minds, O God, to receive your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own. Light up the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may receive your Word, our hearts be taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lessons: Romans 12:9-12 (p. 142); Responsive Psalm 105:1-6;

Matthew 16 :21-28 (p. 16)

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: 637 (tune 680) *Take my life and let it be*

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: 211 *Take up your cross*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Megan Douglas **Elevator:** Gordon Ross

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron

Reader: Debbie Pegg

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: We are pleased to welcome Norna Hugasdottir to our congregation. Norna lives in Halifax and is certified as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. We wish her well as she continues with her studies.

Tues: 7 p.m. Worship and Fellowship Committee – Choir room

*****Sign-up sheet:** If you would be interested to read the lessons on any Sunday, please sign the sheet in the front lobby.

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.