



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

Date: September 6, 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: The seasons change, but the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

C: The earth belongs to God, and all creation declares God's goodness.

M: As leaves begin to turn and fields yield their harvest, we remember the One who gives seed to the sower and bread for our daily needs.

C: We give thanks to God, the giver of every good gift.

M: As we enter a new season, let us seek the Lord with renewed hearts, trusting God to guide us in all that lies ahead.

C: We will praise the Lord in every season and proclaim God's faithfulness from generation to generation.

M: Come, let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

All: Let us worship God with joyful and thankful hearts. Amen

Hymn: 407 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, You call us to love you and to care for one another.

Yet we confess that we often fail to do the good you call us to do.

We have remained silent when we should have spoken.

We have looked away when someone needed our care.

We have withheld kindness when we could have offered it.

We have neglected your creation and overlooked the needs of our neighbours. Forgive us, O God, for what we have left undone.

Open our eyes to see where you are calling us. Give us willing hearts to love, serve, and act, following the way of 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: 625 *Seek ye first* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

God of Word and Wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit, so that by your light, we may see clearly what you call us to be and to do. Engage us by your truth so we know how best to follow Christ Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

Lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-11 (p. 758); Responsive Psalm 119:33-40;

Matthew 18: 15-20 (p. 17)

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: "Steps to Resolve"

Hymn: 739 (tune 600) *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

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: 298 *Glory be to God the Father*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshippers: Ricky Sloan **Elevator:** Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** Cassie Sloan

Reader: Donna Lee Laveck

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

This week at St. Andrew's

Wed: Hope Cottage Ministry (items to the church by 4 p.m.) Side door is open at 7 am for deliveries.

Thurs: 1 p.m. Atlantic Mission Society; Roll Call word: Love

Upcoming

Sun: Sept. 20 Pizza for lunch after the service! A green salad will also be served as well as birthday cake to celebrate birthdays in July, August & September. Everyone is invited.

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.