



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Date: September 13, 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: Praise the God of life.

C: Let us praise God together.

M: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.

M: So let us rejoice in God's gracious presence.

All: Let us praise the God of mercy together.

Hymn: 69 *O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. You are gracious, but we cling to judgment. You are kind, but we can be cruel. You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Saviour. 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: 645 *Follow me, the Master said* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your Word. Where it challenges us, lead us by your Spirit to respond in faithfulness for the sake of Christ who gives us both courage and compassion. Amen.

Lessons: Genesis 50:15-21 (p. 45); Responsive Psalm 103; Matthew 18:21-35 (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: Compassionate Companions

Hymn: 751 (tune 517) *Forgive our sins*

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: 290 *Immortal, Invisible*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Luke Campbell

Elevator: Heather Barkhouse

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** Jamie Leck

Reader: Naomi Walker

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: Church School begins today – Senior, Junior and Nursery Classes.

****The Senior Class will meet on the following Sundays:** Sept. 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, November 22, December 13, December 20

Thurs: 1 p.m. Ladies' Guild

Sun: Sept. 20 Pizza for lunch after the service! A green salad will be available, and Birthday cake will be served to celebrate those persons having birthdays in July, August & September. Everyone is invited.

****The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 4, Reign of Christ Sunday, November 22, and Christmas Eve.**

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.