



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

Date: September 27, 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: We come to worship because we love God.

C: All creation praises God's goodness and love.

M: We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

C: Through God's Son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

M: We come to worship, yearning to be transformed.

C: Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world.

All: Let us worship God together.

Hymn: 425 *We praise you, O God*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

All-embracing God, In recalling all that you are and all that you have done, we recall then who we are and what we have done or failed to do. We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others, failed to stand with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect. We confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families. We repent of our past sins and pray for the wisdom to

walk in a new way with you and with one another.

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: 476 *Amigos de Cristo* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Send us your Spirit of wisdom, O God, that we may hear your Word speaking through the Scriptures and understand what you are saying to the church today. Amen.

Lessons: Ezekiel 18:25-32 (p. 741); Responsive Reading Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Matthew 21:23-32 (p. 20)

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: Tricky Questions

Hymn: 389 *Breathe on me, breath of God*

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: 717 *We cannot own the sunlit sky*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Dave & Ann Campbell **Elevator:**

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** Darlene Cossaboom

Reader: Margaret Stuart

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: 2:30 p.m. The Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg is conducting an Induction Service at the Church of St. David, Halifax, at which time the Rev. Whitney Canning will be inducted as the minister of the Church of St. David.

Wed: FOOD Ministry – side door will be open at 7 a.m. for early drop-offs.

Sun: Oct. 4 World Communion Sunday

On August 26, 2026, a devastating flash flood struck Nepal. Thousands of people have been affected by the loss of homes, livelihoods and essential services. PWS&D is responding to this tragedy. If you wish to donate, please mark your donation “PWS&D Nepal flood response.”

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.