



## ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Date: October 18, 2026**

**Student and Colleges Sunday**

**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: Come, let us worship God, the source of all wisdom and understanding.

**C: We come with grateful hearts, ready to learn and grow in faith.**

M: God calls us to seek truth, pursue knowledge, and serve one another with love.

**C: May our learning deepen our faith and our lives reflect God's grace.**

M: As we celebrate students, teachers, and all who guide and encourage learning, let us remember that we are all created in the image of God.

**C: May we grow in wisdom, walk in humility, and use our gifts for the good of others.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord, who guides our minds, shapes our hearts, and leads us in the way of truth. Amen.**

Hymn: 377 *Come, children, join to sing*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Merciful and gracious God, we come before you,  
acknowledging our need for your forgiveness and grace.**

**You have called us to be your people, yet we have fallen short of loving you and our neighbours as we ought. You have given us your Word to guide our lives, yet we often trust in our own wisdom and follow our own desires. Forgive us, O Lord, through your steadfast love. Renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit, shape us according to your will, and lead us in the way of faithfulness and obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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: 689 *Simply trusting every day* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination:

God of Word and Wisdom, as we turn to the scriptures, may we hear your voice calling us to deeper faith and truer devotion. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lessons: Psalm 99 (Responsive Reading); Matthew 22:15-22 (p. 21)

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: "Imago Dei"

Hymn: 661 *We give thee but thine own*

### 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: 267 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

**Welcoming Worshipers:** Lee & Naomi Walker

**Elevator:** Mike Barkhouse

**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron      **Placing the Bible:** Alex Bruce

**Reader:** Cassie Sloan

**Audio:** Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

**Tues: 1:30 p.m.** Bible study on the Beatitudes, led by Neena Durbha

**Next Sun: Oct. 25** – Fellowship in the Hall following the service.

**On Sunday, October 25**, the Session invites those who would like to participate in a Hymn Sing before church to come at 10:10 a.m. We will practice the worship hymns for that day.

\*The minister and Cheryl Weeks, Representative Elder, will attend the annual meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, from October 19-21.

\*The Worship and Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship time after service that will be held every 2 weeks. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby with the dates, so please sign up to prepare and host the Fellowship Hour if you are interested in participating. It takes about 30 minutes before service to set up and prepare the coffee/tea and about 20 minutes for clean up afterwards. If you are interested in doing this and would like to shadow a Sunday first, please let us know a date that works, and we are happy to facilitate that. Debbie Pegg has kindly agreed to coordinate the volunteers for this and you can email her at [debbiepegg@gmail.com](mailto:debbiepegg@gmail.com) to add your name as a volunteer.

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