



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Date: October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Service colour: Red

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: Through Scripture alone, God gives us the Word that guides our faith and life.

C: Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

M: By grace alone, God welcomes us into the fullness of life.

C: We come trusting in God's undeserved mercy and steadfast love.

M: Through faith alone, we receive the gift of salvation.

C: We place our trust in God's promises.

M: In Christ alone, we find our Saviour and our hope.

C: Jesus Christ is our sure foundation, our peace, and our life.

M: To God alone be the glory, in the Church and in all creation.

All: We are grateful to be Reformed and ever reforming, according to the Word of God. With grateful hearts, we offer our worship and our lives.

Hymn: 315 *A mighty fortress is our God (Reformation Hymn)*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, you know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another and the times we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we focused on you and the times we pursued our own purposes. You know our bodies, the times we have served

you and the times we have served only ourselves. Forgive us those times we went away from you, and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace. 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: 492 *Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all* (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 1 (Responsive Reading); Luke 6:6-11 (p. 55)

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: "Yet the Image"

Hymn: 631 *Jesus hands were kind hands*

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: 497 *Word of God, across the ages*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Ricky Sloan **Elevator:** Gordon Ross

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

Reader: Heath Stone

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Today: Fellowship and Birthday Cake following the service in the Hall

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

Wed: FOOD Ministry (side door open at 7 a.m. for early drop-offs)

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.