



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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19th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday
Date: October 4, 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 (Hymn 830)

Call to Worship: (*standing if able*)

M: The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

C: On this Communion Sunday, we have come to sit at Christ's table.

M: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

**C: On this World Communion Sunday, we taste the bread of life,
bread for our journey.**

M: These are gifts of God for all the people of God.

**All: Let us celebrate this communion Sunday with the entire world
and let Christ' love be known to all.**

Hymn: 299 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

**You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbours
in needs, wrapped in our own concerns. We fail to condemn evil,
prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, forgive who we have
been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

**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: 373 *Jesus loves me* (all seated)

Learning for children/youth (gather at Chancel steps)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: Gracious Lord, enlighten us, so that we may
hear your Word speaking through the Scriptures with ears that
understand and hearts that respond in love. Amen.

Lessons: Psalm 19 (Responsive Reading); Philippians 3:4-14 (p. 175);
Matthew 21:33-46 (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: "Pressing on towards the goal"

Hymn: 548 *Let us break bread together*

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)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

M: The Lord be with you; **C:** And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts; **C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

.....and all your creatures high and low

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

.....the mystery of our faith. **Christ died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Hymn: 453 (vs. 4-7) *Here, O my Lord*

Benediction & Choral Amen

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

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Postlude

Welcoming Worshipers: Megan Douglas **Elevator:** Gordon Ross

Organist: Dr. Ken Cameron **Placing the Bible:** Bill Langley

Reader: Krishna Durbha

Audio: Ross Barkhouse, Luke Campbell, Erin Sloan

Tuesday, October 6, 7 p.m. Kirk Session

Sunday, October 11 – Harvest Thanksgiving; please consider bringing harvest produce that will be taken to Margaret's House; coffee/tea after the service

Margaret's House: We are seeking additional folks to help provide food donations to Margaret's House on the last Wednesday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Ross. Thank you!

Upcoming: 4 week Bible Study on the Beatitudes led by Neena Durbha, beginning Tuesday, October 12, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hall.

Background Volunteers: A film company from Wolfville, N.S. is renting our building on Thursday, October 8 and Friday, October 9. The movie includes a wedding scene, and the production manager is asking for volunteers from our congregation to participate on Friday, Oct. 9, from 2 to 6 p.m. Folks would dress as if they were attending a wedding. If you are interested, please contact Krishna Durbha or Cheryl Weeks.

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.