

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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17th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday School Commissioning Sept 11, 2016

Welcome to St. Andrew's Church! We are glad you are here with us. May God bless you in his grace and mercy as we take time to give our love and attention to the One who has embraced us in Jesus Christ. If you are new to our family, please take time to sign our guest book and let us know how we can become better acquainted.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP, 11:00 A.M.

APPROACH TO GOD

Entry of the Bible (Congregation Standing)

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach, arr. S.D. Wolff

Introit: Gentle Shepherd W. J. Gaither/G. Gaither

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship

L: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

A: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

L: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

A: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

L: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

A: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

Hymn of Approach: Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet #466

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

The Lord's Prayer (Said): Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Children's Hymn: Praise him, praise him, #372

Sunday School Commissioning Service

THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Margie Coombes (p 208)

Responsive Psalm: 14 (p 495)

New Testament: Luke 15:1-10 Roy Maybee (p 078)

Anthem: The Ninety And Nine E.C. Clephane/I.D. Sankey

Sermon: "*When Jesus wore red gym shoes*"

Hymn: Amazing Grace #670

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offertory: And He Shall Feed His Flock G.F. Handel, arr. A.C. Whitworth

Doxology (822, vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

Confession of Faith: Living Faith 3.1 - 3.1.2 (p 009)
"Jesus Christ and Israel ..."

Commissioning Hymn: Sing them over again to me #498

Benediction

Postlude: Minuet in G G.F. Handel

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Agathe Ratsimandresy *For those who wish, a nursery is available in the church hall next door.*

BRIDGES TO HOPE.....A big thank you from Bridges To Hope for all your continued support. In the coming weeks we would ask for juice, crackers, instant coffee and cookies.

** David Akenhead, a professional actor and drama teacher of long standing, offers weekly drama classes at St Andrew's Kirk every Wednesday at noon for one hour. The cost is only \$5. All ages welcome.

The play was first performed before Queen Elizabeth in 1594 by Shakespeare and his Players. It is very much a play of our time, ridiculing the establishment and highly relevant to our modern world, (particularly with the US Election imminent after the performances!) We are staging the play at the Kirk on 1st to 4th November at 7.30 p.m. in aid of Fort McMurray victims - \$10 payable at the door.

So, if you want to participate come along and see for yourself. You'll be entertained just sharing the experience of this clever and witty play showing humans for what they are, a glorious mixture! Pass the word on to your friends.

email: davidakenhead@bellaliant.net for further details - telephone: (709) 726 8523

***** Sept 11 - Sept 17*****

Sun	11:00am	Worship
		Sunday School Commissioning
	12:10pm	Morning Coffee
	12:30pm	AMS Meeting
	1 -4pm	OPEN DOORS
Tues	7:30pm	Board of Managers Meeting
Thurs	7:30pm	Session Meeting

*****Upcoming*****

Sept 18 Baptism

OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COVENANT

INTRODUCTION: *(Minister):* A covenant is a solemn agreement which Christians make in the presence of God. We covenant when we are married. We covenant when we or our children are baptized. This morning we covenant together concerning the educational ministry of our church. God calls some of us to a ministry of teaching, some to a ministry of administration, some to a ministry of music, all to service within the church, to the nurturing of Christian faith among children, young people and adults and the building up of the household of God.

QUESTIONS TO LEADERS AND TEACHERS:

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

Response: We do.

As you prepare to take on the responsibility of Christian Education in this congregation, do you accept this task willingly, as a calling from God?

Response: We do.

Do you commit yourself to carry it out with enthusiasm and perseverance?

Response: We do.

Do you acknowledge your dependence on God's strength and guidance?

Response: We do.

TEACHERS: We offer our gifts through the leading and the teaching of the children and of this congregation. We promise to prepare carefully, listen patiently and pray supportively as we seek to serve God together.

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION:

To the Children and Youth (Standing): These teachers and leaders have carefully promised to help you grow in your Christian life. Do you promise to work with these teachers and leaders to learn the truths and ways of the Christian life?

Response: We do.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: We thank God for our Sunday School and for the teaching of the Bible. We will come as often as we can so together we may grow as God's people.

To The Congregation (Standing): These teachers, leaders and officers will carry God's lively Word in a special way to those whom they serve in the name of Christ. Do you promise to support them in their task, to pray for them and to recognize their contribution to God's work in this community?

Response: We do.

CONGREGATION: Thank you teachers for offering your gifts. Thank you children and youth for being with us - not as the church of the future, but as an important part of the church right now. May God bless us together as we gather so that we might grow as the redeemed family of God.

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING (*Unison*):

Blessed be God forever and ever. "By God's great mercy we have been born again into a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance which nothing can destroy or wither." Loving God, we begin this new season by covenanting together to grow as your people. Keep us faithful and active in Christ's church; send us out into the world to share your love and justice. Bless us this day with the courage and strength to remain faithful to the vows we have made before you in Jesus Name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY... Sept - 11 Jennifer Martin; Sept - 12 Zachary Sampson.

If Pastoral Care is required please contact Rev. Derek Krunys on his cell phone (687-7742) or at the office (726-5385).

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 are now available in the Church Office.

MORNING COFFEE will be held after the service today. Spend a few minutes before heading home to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or juice and a cookie. Everyone is welcome.

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****Doors Open St. John's.** Many historic and buildings of interest take part in Open Doors, and this fall the Kirk will be one of them. **Open Doors took place 10am-4pm Saturday, September 10; and continues 1pm-4pm Sunday, September 11** (we naturally will not be providing tours during worship, but visitors are welcome). Besides showing off our building, with its history and stained glass, our music director will take some time to tap a few notes, and we hope to offer some traditional oat cakes to visitors (as a nod to our Scottish roots). We look forward to seeing many of our own, helping to share our history.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Your contributions to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Fund help support special need situations. Contributions can be made individually or through your regular offering envelope by marking "Benevolent" in "Other".

BOARD OF MANAGERS will hold their next meeting Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30pm.

The next meeting of **St. Andrew's Session** will be held September 15th at 7:30pm.

Bible Study. We will be resuming our Bible Study for the Fall in the Parlor, 10:30am Friday, September 16th.

Sunday School Opening: The St. Andrew's Sunday School will be opening on Sunday, September 11th for children and youth. Please come and join us as we start another exciting year. If you have any questions about the Sunday School program or would like to volunteer, please contact Jenny Pallard at 697-6183 or jennpallard@gmail.com

The Atlantic Mission Society will hold their first meeting for the year today immediately after service, in the Parlour (Hall building). A light lunch will be served. Please come and learn about our church missions - all are welcome!

Men, we need to bond socially on a regular basis. We need to improve mood, reduce stress and forge comforting memories. **Unison singing** offers that and more. Come to **St. John's City Hall, Wednesday evening Sept 21 at 7:15pm** and meet men who do this every week. Sing a song or two with us and enjoy good company with **The Singing Legionnaires**
More info at 364-2875

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