

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015

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 visiting with us, please take time to sign our guest book and to let us know how we can become better acquainted.

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

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Entry of the Bible (Congregation Standing)

Choral Introit: The pilgrim's Christ, the Lamb of God Gertmenian

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship (see insert)

Hymn of Approach: As when the Hebrew prophet raised #189

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

The Lord's Prayer: 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: Jesus bids us Shine #773

Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9 Candace Peters (p 139)

Responsive Psalm: 107: 1-22 (p 559)

New Testament: St. John 3:1-21 Betty Barrett (p 093)

Choral Anthem: Jesus, remember me Berthier

Sermon: *"The Serpent in the Wilderness"*

Hymn: Rock of Ages #240

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory

Doxology (822, vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

Confession of Faith: Living Faith 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 (p 009)
"To the world in its rebellion and alienation....."

Commissioning Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation #482

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

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

ANNUAL REPORTS I am still waiting on reports, please get them in.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015 are now available in the entranceway of the Kirk.

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to Weldon, Aidan, Sabrina, Colette, Dan, Sylvia, Scott and Brenda of the Moores and Okes family on the sudden death of Karen Moores on March 8th. Karen was a loyal and active leader of our church family and will be greatly missed. She has been Clerk of Session for the past several years. She has also been active and left a lasting mark in almost every organization in the congregation as well as in our outreach activities such as Bridges to Hope. Funeral took place March 12th from the Kirk.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to the family and friends of Joan Arklie who died March 5th. Funeral service took place March 12th, 2015.

SUB-SANDWICH SALE: The Board of Managers needs volunteers to take orders for sub-sandwiches, to be delivered on March 27th. The meal will contain a 9" sub sandwich, with 3 types of meat, lettuce and cheese, mayo and mustard as well as a tin of regular or diet Cola and a cookie for dessert. All for \$8. We will also need volunteers to help put the orders together at the church hall the night before (Mar 26th.) Please contact Kim Marshall (895-3928) or Paula Templeton (753-0695) or by email btempleton@nl.rogers.com if you can help with either, or both, of these things. Thank you.

If Pastoral Care is required, please contact Rev. Bob Rowlands at the church office (726-5385) or home (754-8944).

The regular monthly meeting of the **AMS** will be held in the Hall following service today, March 15th. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served.

The Friday Morning Bible Study has resumed at 10am. All are welcome!

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL DINNER AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on Tuesday, March 24th, 6:30 for dinner, 7:30 for meeting.

Sunday School Mission Project:

The Sunday School will be hosting their next bake sale on Palm Sunday (March 29) to raise money for their on-going mission project. Items will be available for sale during the Palm Sunday Breakfast before the service and immediately following the service, as well. If you would like to contribute baked items for the sale, please bring them along on March 29. Thank you for your support!

Palm Sunday Breakfast: The Sunday School would like to invite the congregation to join them for a light breakfast of muffins, coffee, tea and juice on Palm Sunday, March 29. Breakfast will start at 10am and will also feature the next mission project bake sale. Children will be making some palm crafts for our parade into church at the beginning of the service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Group (grades 7-12) are on Sundays from 7-9pm at St. Andrew's church hall for the month of March. Bring your Bible and bring a friend for some fun, faith and fellowship! The Bible verse this week is Judges 8:23. But Gideon told them, "I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The Lord will rule over you."

The Youth Group is having a Parent's Appreciation Night on Sunday, March 22nd from 7-9pm at St. Andrew's church hall. The youth and their parents are invited for some snacks, games and enjoyable time together. If babysitting is required for younger siblings, please contact Amy so that something can be arranged.

Food for Thought (university/early career) gets together on Monday evenings from 7-9:30pm for a meal and discussion on "Christianity in the workplace." Contact Amy Palmer if you need a ride or have food limitations: amyralpalmer@gmail.com, (709) 730-3676.

Thank you to Penny Gillies for the scrumptious meal for Food for Thought this past Monday!

FFT is in need of meal providers for Monday, March 23rd and March 30th. If you can help us out, please let Amy know. Providing a meal for our young adults is an important part of supporting this ministry.

The Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod (PAYS) is meeting this year in Halifax from May 16th to 18th. It is for youth and young adults to get together for worship, speakers, workshops and some time to explore some of the local city. Usually travelers from away are billeted with families from the local church. If you are interested in attending, please let Amy know ASAP so that fundraising for the plane tickets can begin.

Pray this week for God's work to be evident in the lives of our young people. We've learnt that our little faith + God's power (in the right time and place) = great big things! Pray for our continual faithfulness in our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer to be fulfilled in his promise that he does more than we can ask or imagine.

We are the "Hymn Committee" and are seeking your ideas. We would like to include hymns which are loved and well-known to you. If you have suggestions, you may write them on a note and place in the collection plate, phone the office at 726-5385 or email at standrews@bellaliant.com. You don't have to worry about the numbers as we will look after finding that information. This is a great

way to support our ministry as we move into the coming months.

BRIDGES TO HOPE is an ecumenical outreach program supported by the Presbyterian and United Churches in St. John's. Your support over the past several years has been tremendous and greatly appreciated. So far this year our food pantry has served over 1150 people and at this time we are experiencing food shortages of the following items: **canned milk, canned beans and juice**. While all food donations are greatly appreciated these are the items we are most in need of at this time.

Cookbooks make great gifts! Pick up "Loaves, Fishes and Other Dishes" at the church office for only \$15. Proceeds towards youth mission travel.

On Sunday, **March 15th** at 7:00pm, the congregation of George Street United Church will hold their 52nd annual "**People of the Sea**" service. Join with us in honoring the men and women who make their livelihood on the sea. Refreshments will follow in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre.

BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION & SUPPORT PROGRAM

Facilitators: Jean White-Coady and Erik Seaward. St. Thomas' Church is offering an 8-week Bereavement Information and Support Program for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. This program will use the resources developed and distributed by the Pastoral Care and Ethics Department of Eastern Health. This program will be offered Thursdays, 7 – 9 p.m., from April 9th to May 28th, inclusive. For more information or to register for the group please contact: Jean at 368-7050 or jean.jay@nf.sympatico.ca.

***** Mar 15 - Mar 21*****

Sun	11:00am	Worship
	11:10	Sunday School
	12:30pm	AMS meeting
Mon	7:30	Rovers
Tues	6:30	Beavers
	7:30	Board of Managers Meeting
Wed	7:30	Choir Practice
Thurs	7:30	Session Meeting

*****Upcoming*****

Mar 24	Annual General Dinner and Meeting
Mar 29	Palm Sunday
April 5	Easter Sunday