

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Andrew's Church! We are glad you are here. May God bless you in 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

Organ Prelude

Entry of the Bible (Congregation Standing)

Choral Introit: "We'll bring Him hearts that love Him" ...Root

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship (see insert)

Hymn of Approach: O love, how deep, how broad, how high # 205

Prayers of Adoration and 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: The wise may bring their learning # 344

Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Jeremiah 29:10-14 (page 731)

Responsive Psalm: 95 (page 550)

Choral Anthem: "God be in my head" ...Pynson/Nameth

New Testament: John 3:16 -20 (page 094)

Hymn: Amazing Grace # 670

Sermon: "A Gift for the Future"

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 2.5.7,8 (page 009)
" All people fall short of ..."

Commissioning Hymn: We cannot own the sunlit sky # 717

Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

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

SPECIAL SPEAKER TODAY: We welcome the Rev. Herb Gale, a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and one of our top level resource people in our national office. He will be preaching in our Morning worship Service and speaking at a lunch to which you are invited following the service. We encourage you to join us for both events. We welcome the congregation of St. David's who will join with us for the luncheon.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING DINNER: And what a dinner we enjoyed. Our thanks to Mike Gillan who presented an outstanding turkey dinner, traditional enough to be familiar and creative enough to be gourmet. About 40 people attended the annual meeting which reported a 2013 of financial challenges. There have been many changes for our congregation over the year. Our thanks to all who gave of themselves in time, talents and treasures. May God continue to bless us in 2014 as we seek to serve the One who loves us so.

With the skyrocketing costs of postage due to begin on April 1st, we encourage those who can, to receive their Chimes via email. Please call the office (726-5385) to arrange this method of receiving your weekly Chimes.

Lorna Robertson Bequest:

In 1990, the Board of Trustees received a bequest from Lorna Robertson's estate in the amount of \$335,000 to be used to support foreign missions. Since 1990 the income from her bequest, a total of \$370,000 has been distributed to numerous organizations and projects, many being located in Africa and India. The amount distributed amounts to 110% of her bequest, and the Trustees still have the original principal of \$335,000. These donations have been an important part of St. Andrew's outreach program.

THE KIRK ASSOCIATION will be holding their Annual Meeting Sunday, March 30th at 12:30pm. Lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome so please come and join us!

THE KIRK HAS A NEW WEBMASTER: With thanksgiving we welcome Andry Ratsimandresy as the new master of our church Webpage. Andry will be providing leadership in logistic support and page maintenance and development. Content for the webpage and content concerns should be addressed to Elizabeth at our church office.

BENEVOLENT FUND: Your contributions to the St. Andrew's Benevolent Fund help support special need situations as well as our ongoing commitment

to Bridges To Hope. Contributions can be made individually or through your regular offering envelope by marking "Benevolent" in "Other".

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2014:

Offering Envelopes for the coming year are now available in the entranceway of the Kirk.

Something EGGSTRA for Lent.....

The Atlantic Mission Society is having a little fund raiser during Lent. In the foyer of the Church, there will be empty colourful plastic eggs in a basket. Please take one and, during Lent, fill it/them up with the change in your pockets. Every little bit counts when it comes to the needs of others around us, so please join the AMS in raising something **EGGSTRA** for our Mission work. Take one home with you for each member of the family and for your friends. ***Bring the filled eggs back to Church on Easter Sunday and place them back in the basket.*** Thank you for this support.

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

Bridges To Hope have rescheduled their Annual General Meeting for Monday, April 28th at St. Andrew's Church at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. Come along and share in the news and outreach for 2013 and continuing on into 2014.

Sunday School Mission Project: On Sunday, April 6th, the Sunday School will be holding a bake sale during the morning coffee hour following the church service. Proceeds from this sale will go towards our annual Mission Project, supporting outreach in India. Thank you very much for your support of our mission efforts.

Last Monday at Food for Thought, we had a great talk on "unselfishness" and charity based on the 26th Screwtape letter (C. S. Lewis). We're continuing to meet on Monday nights from 7-9:30pm at 71 Stirling Cres up to, and including the 7th of April.

Youth Group has challenged Session to an evening of board and card games this Sunday, March 23rd from 7-9pm at St. Andrew's church hall. Looking forward to playing with you!

Youth Group (grades 7-12) is going swimming on March 30th! We'll meet at the Aquarena for swimming from 7-9pm. Bring a toonie and a friend along!

Reminder that **Youth Group** is meeting in St. Andrew's church hall for the month of March. We get together for fun activities, snack, study and prayer on Sunday nights from 7-9pm. If you are in grades 7-12, or know of anyone in this grade range, please invite them to come.

Bridges to Hope Call for Donations: As children are returning to school after the holiday season, our food pantry has seen an increase in usage by parents seeking items for their children. For this reason we are reaching out to our partner Churches to please continue their tremendous support of our organization. This increased demand will affect our inventory of school kit items and we are hopeful that with your continued support we will be able to meet the growing need for our services in the community. The items that are most needed in our food pantry are **juice boxes, peanut free granola bars, fruit cups, snack and individual cereal bowls**. While all donations are greatly appreciated, these items are currently the ones most needed by our organization. We thank you for your support.

Scrabble Tournament and Silent Auction: will be held March 22nd from 2PM to 5PM at St. David's Church, Elizabeth Avenue. All funds raised will be sent to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Admission to the tournament is \$10 and participants can bring a partner, several partners, or come alone and we will provide a partner. Top prize is \$50 with several smaller prizes. Above all, it is an afternoon for fun and friendship. (If you have one, bring your own board). Refreshments will be served afterwards.

*****Mar 23 - Mar 29*****

Sun	11:00am	Worship
	11:10	Sunday School
	12:20pm	Lunch with Herb Gale
	7:00	Youth Group
Mon	7:00	Food For Thought
Tues	6:30	Beavers
Wed	7:30	Choir practice

*****Upcoming*****

Mar 30	Kirk Association Lunch and Meeting
Apr 6	Sunday School Bake Sale
Apr 13	Palm Sunday Service
Apr 14 -17	Monday to Thursday 7:00pm Holy Week Services at St. Andrew's
Apr 18	Good Friday at The Kirk 7:00 pm
Apr 20	Easter Sunday Service