

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday May 17, 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: "At the name of Jesus" Noel/Vaughan Williams

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.

The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.

Come, let us sing praises to God together.

For our God is sovereign over all the earth!

Hymn of Approach: Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise #265

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: I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance) #250

Children's Story and Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 Jennifer Whitfield (p 118)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1 (p 489)

Second Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20 Light Go (p 034)

Choral Anthem: "Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer" Mozart

Sermon: *"The Ascension"*

Hymn: The Head that Once was crowned with Thorns #270

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory

Doxology (822, vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

Confession of Faith: **The Nicene Creed** #578 in Hymn Book

Commissioning Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King #267

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

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

At a special meeting of Session held on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 the search committee made a unanimous recommendation. The Session accepted their recommendation and therefore The Rev. Derek Krunys and his wife Yasmin Ahmed will join us for the weekend starting Friday May 29th and concluding on Sunday, May 31st. The Rev. Krunys will preach at the service on Sunday. The Interim Moderator Dr. Dent has called a Congregational meeting to be held in the hall immediately following the service. The Session thanks the search committee for its dedication and commitment to this important part of our congregational journey here in St. John's.

Financial Drive

The Financial Drive is on Sunday May 24th. Letters are being distributed asking for a donation to the Kirk. For those in areas closer to the Church, volunteer drivers will drop by to pick up your envelope. For those a little further away a return envelope is provided, or you can drop it in the collection plate. **We are still in need of drivers. Anyone who is able to assist by being a driver for this major fundraiser, please contact John Templeton at 687-7088 or John@Templetons.ca.** Look for your yellow envelope!

ANNIVERSARIES... May - 19 Colin and Elspeth Baird; May - 22 Ian Mercer and Kim Marshall.

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

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

The next meeting of St. Andrew's Session will be held May 21st at 7:30pm.

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".

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.

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

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.

The legendary **Lobster Dinner** at St. Andrew's Church will happen again this year and 900 lobster have committed to come! **The date is Wednesday, June 10th and the "Eat In" is at 7 pm. The "Take Out" boxes may be picked up after 4pm.** Ticket price is \$50.00 . Please call your friends and see if you can bring new people to this event. We need to build a whole new youthful clientele if this event is to continue. (The first event was 40 years ago.) For tickets, please call the church at 726-5385, Paula Templeton at 753-0695 or Dave Templeton's cell at 727-5541. Ask your friends. The tickets won't sell themselves.

We are going! 4 youth and 1 adult advisor leave on Saturday, May 16th for Halifax to attend the Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod (PAYS). It will be a great time of fellowship, worship and faith-provoking experiences with youth and adults from across the Atlantic provinces. Please pray for Maya, Erica, Daniel, John and Chris (leader) before, during and after their trip. Your prayers make the difference! Youth Group (grades 7-12) is not meeting this Sunday, May 17th (as it is the PAYS weekend). Blessings on your week!

Food for Thought (university/early career) gets together on Monday evenings from 7-9:30pm for a meal and discussion. The last FFT will be a BBQ on Monday, May 25th. Contact Amy Palmer if you need a ride to 71 Stirling Cres or have food limitations: amyralpalmer@gmail.com, (709) 730-3676.

Thank you so much for supporting the young adult ministry this past year through the provision of a meal! The Food for Thought group has looked forward every week to a delicious meal that was provided even when our numbers grew. Thank you for the practical support that is an essential component of this ministry. Please continue to pray and engage our young adults throughout the summer.

Pray this week for the youth and young adults to dig a little deeper into their relationship with God. Pray that the roots of faith may grow stronger, and that their hope and trust in the promises of Jesus may give them a stable foundation to face the fears, pain and troubles in our broken world.

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