

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 14, 2014

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)

Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds;

Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Hymn of Approach: How firm a foundation

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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.

Our Christian Education Covenant

Children's Story and Prayer

Children's Hymn: Jesus' Hands were kind Hands

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THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21 Roy Maybee

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Responsive Psalm: 103

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Choral Introit: "Open our lips"

...Davis/Fleming

New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35 Corinne King

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Sermon: "Forgiveness--- Seventy times Seven"

Hymn: Blessed Assurance

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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 4.2.1 and 4.2.2
'God the Holy Spirit'

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Commissioning Hymn: Give Me Oil in My Lamp

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Benediction

Organ Postlude

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

This week please pray for the youth starting extracurricular programs. Please pray that they would do their best during try-outs and that they would make wise decisions with how they spend their time and energy. Also, pray for a special blessing on the parents as they balance everyone's schedules and locations.

To our community partners: As the summer comes to an end our food aid centre is once again experiencing shortages of certain food items. For this reason we are asking all of our partner Churches to please advise their congregations of the items most needed at his time. Currently the items that are most needed in our food pantry are canned beans in sauce, canned milk, dry pasta and canned soup. While donations are greatly appreciated, these are the items that we most in need of at this time. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated. With your ongoing generosity we will be able to continue to help those who are faced with food security issues in our community. Thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Search Committee: Over the summer, the Search Committee has been diligently working on the Congregational Needs Assessment based on your feedback from the surveys completed. If you have further comments please pass them along.

SESSION MEETING: *The next meeting of St. Andrew's Session will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 pm.* Please note the change of time.

GARAGE SALE

The Garage sale is confirmed for Oct. 18, Saturday, from 10-12:30. Admission \$1. Stalls will include: Linens, Clothing, Kitchenware, Books, Toys, White Elephant, Accessories/Jewelry and Electrical. We CANNOT accept: cribs, car seats or computers, but would welcome the rest. Please set aside your garage sale donations. Please contact Kim Marshall (Coordinator) for more information. If you would like to be part of the garage sale team, or have any suggestions for additions or change for the event itself, please contact the coordinator, Kim Marshall, 895-3928, edm@nf.sympatico.ca.

The Moderator of the 2014 General Assembly is coming to speak at St. David's next Sunday, Sept. 21. We are also having a potluck and are inviting St. Andrew's and the Korean congregation to St. David's Hall at 6 pm, in part to hear him and enjoy one another's company. All are welcome.

Sept 14 - Sept 20		
Sun	11:00am	Worship Sunday School Opening
Thurs	7:30pm	Session Meeting
Upcoming		
Sept 21		St. David's Potluck and guest speaker
Sept 28		AMS Meeting
Oct 18		Garage Sale

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 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 anew to 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.

The regular monthly meeting of the AMS will be held in the Hall following services, Sunday, **September 28th** at 12:30pm. All are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served.

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Bob Rowlands has agreed to accept the position of "Stated Supply" until June, 2015. He will begin his term with us September 1st. We are grateful for this stability to our services while the work of the Search Committee continues. Please keep Rev. Rowlands in your prayers during this time of transition.

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

In keeping with the letter from Bridges to Hope with a request for each Partner Church to provide a Basket to be auctioned at the Gala on **November 21st.**; we have a suggestion that the theme for St. Andrew's Basket be "Celebrate Home-Newfoundland and Labrador" with products that are 'Made Right Here'. Examples are: Jams, (blueberry, etc.), Cheese, Chocolates, Soaps, Candles, Note Cards, Pottery and Textiles, anything that fits that idea. Thank you and looking forward to our "Kirk" Creativity. If you require further information, please contact Betty Barrett at 579-5995.

Sunday School Opening on Sunday, September 14th 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

Thank you Kay Scott for the delicious meal this past Monday for the Food for Thought bible study group. The young adults really enjoyed the food and discussion!

Food for Thought (university/early career young adults) has begun for the fall. We are meeting together on Mondays from 7-9:30pm at 71 Stirling Cres. We have a meal together followed by a discussion and prayer. This term we will be studying the book of Judges. Come out and bring a friend! If you need a ride, please contact Amy at amyralmer@gmail.com; (709) 730-3676. Please consider providing a meal for Food for Thought. We need a meal for Monday, September 15th, 22nd and 29th. Thank you!

Youth Group (grades 7-12) starts this week! Come meet with us for the month of September at St. Andrew's church hall (76 Queen's Road) on Sunday nights from 7-9pm for games, snacks, discussion and prayer. Bring your own bible for a little chocolate bar! And bring a friend too!