

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Welcome to St. Andrew's Church!** If you are weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come, this congregation opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: Aria from Concerto No. 12 for strings

G. F. Handel, arr. C. H. Trevor

\* Entry of the Bible (\* Standing as able)

\* Introit: The People That In Darkness (#171 BOP)

Words: J. Morrison, alt Music: Scottish

Psalter

\* Greeting

\* Call to Worship:

L: All who thirst, come to the water.

**A: Come, all who are weary;**

L: come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

**A: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ  
has washed over us,**

L: and our gracious and holy God  
beckons and blesses us.

**A: Drink deeply of these living waters.**

\*Hymn of Approach: Glory be to God the Father **#298**

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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

\* Baptismal Hymn: Child of blessing, child of promise **#521**  
Introduction of Family

Questions (*See Baptism Insert*)

Baptismal Prayer

Act of Baptism

Sung Response: *God claims you*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 9: 1-7 (p)

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 42** (p)

**New Testament:** John 1:1-5 (p)

**Solo:** And Did Those Feet In Ancient Time

Words: W. Blake Music: C. H. H. Parry

Sermon: "**Light in dark places**"

\* Hymn: Because He lives *insert*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Announcements

Offering and Offertory: A Miniature

G. Philips

\* Doxology (822 vs. 4) and Offertory Prayer

\* **Confession of Faith:** Living Faith 3.5.1-3.5.2 (*unison*) **(p11)**  
"Jesus suffered, died, and was buried..."

\* Hymn: Thou whose almighty word **#291**

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen: Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude: Light Destroys Darkness

G. Chafe

Today's soloist is *Allison Nicholas*, who will sing the selection from Mary Pratt's funeral yesterday for the benefit of those unable to attend.

**Baptism.** The congregation extends their congratulation to Kevin Neal and Jenessa Hand at the Baptism of their daughter, Lucy Margaret Neal today.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY....**Aug - 26 Sylvia Oke; Aug - 28 Anja Ratsimandresy, Ntsoa Ratsimandresy; Aug - 31 Colin Parsons; Sept - 01 Kanto Ratsimandresy; Sept - 05 Roslyn Cobb, Benjamin Pallard; Sept - 06 Laurie Roberts; Sept - 08 Clare Youden; Sept - 09 Erin McArthur, Racheal Malone.

**ANNIVERSARIES...** Aug - 30 David Taylor and Luanne Leamon; Aug - 31 Steven and Jeannette French; Sept - 09 John and Colleen MacKenzie.

**Sympathy of the Congregation** is extended to the family and friends of Mary Pratt, who died August 14th. Her funeral took place here yesterday.

**The Sympathy of the Congregation is** extended to Dr. Jonathan Dent and family at the death of his mother this week, in California.

**MORNING COFFEE** will be held after the service on September 9th. Spend a few minutes before heading home to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or juice and a cookie. Everyone is welcome.

**Scouting.** Don't forget a new Beavers colony is forming in our hall. Find more information on the church Website, or in the Chimes.

**Sunday School Opening:** The St. Andrew's Sunday School will be opening on Sunday, **September 9th** 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](mailto:jennpallard@gmail.com)

**Church Block Party** - St. Andrew's, Gower St. United, the Anglican Cathedral, and the Roman Catholic Basilica will be hosting a celebration of food, fellowship, music and stories Sunday September 23. St. Andrew's has agreed to coordinate the food again this year. If you are available to help, please let Bruce Templeton know. A wonderful celebration of Christian unity, as we break bread together, and invite the community to join us at this free event.

**The next meeting of St. Andrew's Session is September 20th at 7:00pm**

**BOARD OF MANAGERS will be meeting Tuesday, September 11th at 7:30pm.**

**\*\*\* August\*\*\***

August 26 Joint Services at St. Andrew's

**\*\*\* Upcoming\*\*\***

Sept 2 Service will resume at St. Andrew's  
Sept 09 Sunday School Opening/Morning Coffee  
Sept 15/16 Doors Open  
Sept 14-16 Atlantic Mission Society meeting (Dartmouth)  
Sept 23 Church Block Party

## **Baptism (Lucy Neal)**

The minister introduces Baptism to us

An elder invites the family forward

On behalf of the Session.

I present Lucy Margaret Neal  
Daughter of Kevin Neal  
And Jenessa Hand

To receive the sacrament of baptism.

The minister asks the family questions

The congregation is invited to rise

Do you, as members of the church  
of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Lucy  
by word and deed, with love and prayer,  
encourage her to follow the way of Christ  
and to be a faithful member of his church?  
If so respond; we do. **We do.**

### **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Living Faith 7.6.3

7.6.3 By the power of the Holy Spirit  
God acts through Baptism.  
It is the sacrament not of what we do  
but of what God has done for us in Christ.  
God's grace and our response to it  
are not tied to the moment of Baptism,  
but continue and deepen throughout life.  
It is a sacrament meant  
for those who profess their faith  
and for their children.  
Together we are the family of God.

Baptismal Prayer

Act of Baptism

### **Congregational Sung Response: God Claims You**

Lucy, Lucy, God claims you.  
God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.

We, this day, do all agree,  
A child of God, you'll always be.

Refrain: Lucy, Lucy, ...

We, your family, love you so.  
We vow to help your faith to grow.

Refrain: Lucy, Lucy, ...

***Sung through twice***

Meeting the Congregation

Baptismal Presentations

## Because he Lives

God sent His Son - they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

### **Chorus:**

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

### **(Chorus)**

And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory - and I'll know He lives.

### **(Chorus)**