

St. Andrew's United Church
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Minister: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight
Organist: Mrs. Joanne Wiseman
Greeters: Bill & Lib Hachey

September 16, 2018
17th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

Congregation stands (as able) when choir enters

*Introit: #316, vs. 1&2

**Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:
God is love, God is love!
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**Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:
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*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Lauryn Swaine*

One: Open your hearts to the light of God's presence.

All: We will walk in the light.

One: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

(candle is lit)

Sung: **Light up the candle every day,
Jesus, be with us, here as we pray.**

*Call to Worship:

L: They called his name Jesus. The Christ of God. The Lord of all life.

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All: The ages echo his name. His presence brings peace and joy.

L: His spirit brings truth and his presence blesses the earth and redeems his people.

All: We praise him, for his name is holy. We praise him for he calls us to be his special people.

L: We praise him for he calls us to abundant life. Let us worship with joyful hearts!

*Hymn: #395, Come In, Come In and Sit Down (vs. 1&4)

Prayer of Approach and Confession: (*seated*)

God, Sustainer of Life, we gather as followers of Jesus, with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts. Guide us in our gathering and in our sharing. We come to refresh our souls, and to energize ourselves for action in the world.

Yet, we acknowledge that often we fall short of our high calling as your people. If we have wished someone well while withholding the help and support we should have given, forgive us. If we have loudly proclaimed our faith, but then reluctantly followed Christ, forgive us. Make us persons of courage, compassion, and integrity and help us to grow as your people, loving and serving in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

L: The God of abundant grace and forgiveness helps us to overcome all that stands in the way of true discipleship and empowers us for living in the costly ways of love, after the example of Jesus, in whose name we pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Welcome & Announcements

*Hymn: #377, Holy Spirit, Hear Us

Conversation with the Children

Hymn Medley (*from Songs of the Gospel – congregation seated*)

#129, Jesus Loves Even Me (vs. 1&2)

#23, In the Garden (vs. 1&2)

#135, Trust and Obey (vs. 1&2)

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The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: James 3:1-5a, 9-12

- *Caution about the power of words for good or ill*

Responsive Reading: Wisdom 7, page 891VU

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

- *Invitation to follow Jesus on the demanding road of self-giving*

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: #581, When We Are Living

Offering

*Offertory Choral Response: (#543, vs.1)

**We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.**

*Offertory Prayer:

As we offer these gifts, O God, we thank you that you do not judge us by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Bless these gifts and the work of this congregation. May we continue to follow where you lead, in the way of Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

L: God, hear our prayer.

R: With your whole creation, let our cry come unto you.

*Hymn: #639, One More Step (vs. 1,3,4)

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*Commissioning & Benediction:

All: Committed to serving faithfully; committed to caring sensitively; committed as a community to the Christ in whose name we are called and sent forth, we go now to live as God's people in all the places life calls us to be.

L: May the love of God surround you, the grace of Christ attend you, the Holy Spirit keep you, now and always.

All: Amen.

Hymn: #424, May the God of Hope Go With Us (vs.1)

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Musical Postlude

Memorials

In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Lee & Carol Johnston, Melanie Facey, Roberta Bass, Cynthia Duplessie, Bob & Dorothy Wilson, Roland & Liz Taylor, Dennis & Judy Morrison, Sherman & Shirley MacDiarmid, Boyd & Judy Sipes, Grace Fraser, Harriet MacNaughton, Dave & Brenda Hicks, Karyn MacPherson, Janice & Ray Carter, Milt & Betty MacInnis, Dean & Wanda MacDonald, Don & Judy Bowman, Shirley MacDonald, Joe & Nancy Carter, Bill & Lib Hachey, Anthony McLean & Family, Linda & Bernie Laviolette, Ron & Ruth Kierstead, Fred & Cathy O'Brien, Jacky LeBreton & Ken Steen.

In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

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In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund has been received from Gail Arsenault.

In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, donations to Community Kitchen have been received from Helen & Ed Jones, Bill & Donna Swezey, Ernie & Ferne MacLean, James & Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie MacPhee, John & Margaret Glidden, Joan & Brian Savoy, Bob & Anna MacDonald, Muriel Lamkey, Agnes Lamkey, Shirley Morrison.

In loving memory of **George Hickey**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Marjorie MacPhee.

In loving memory of **Laurie Keoughan**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Marjorie MacPhee.

In loving memory of **Armand Lynch**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Marjorie MacPhee.

In loving memory of **Brian Dunn**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Bob & Anna MacDonald.

Duty Unit: Sept. Lesley Daigle Unit/**Oct.** Maude Jardine Unit
Greeters: Sept. 23 – Joyce Forbes & Clarence Harris/**Sept. 30** – Marjorie MacPhee & Anna MacDonald

Sound System: Sept. 16 – Brian Savoy/**Sept. 23** – Ernie MacLean/**Sept. 30** – Ernie MacLean

Power Point: Sept. 16 – Karen Rose/**Sept. 23** – Juanita Hamilton /**Sept. 30th** – Debbie Benson

Offering Collections: Sept. 16 – Debbie Stymiest, Gail Arsenault, Helen Jones, Barb Doucet/**Sept. 23** – Holly Daley, Barb Doucet, Brenda & Dave Hicks/**Sept. 30** – Marjorie MacPhee, Anna MacDonald, Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

Offering Counters: Sept. 16 – Juanita Hamilton, Karen Rose, Brian Adams/**Sept. 23** – Brian Savoy, Don Bowman, Barry Campbell/**Sept. 30** – Betty MacDiarmid, Debbie Stymiest, Carol Johnston

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Announcements

This Week:

Monday, Sept. 17th – 12 noon – *Maude Jardine Unit & Princess Anne Unit meetings with brown bag lunches*

Thursday, Sept. 20th – 3:00 p.m. – *Senior Choir Practice (for this week only)*

Upcoming:

Monday, Sept. 24th – 7:00 p.m. – *Financial Management Team Meeting*

Tuesday, Sept. 25th – 10:00 a.m. – *Church Council Meeting (all Team Leaders are to have your reports into Karen at the church office no later than Thursday, Sept. 20th)*

Wednesday, Sept. 26th – 1:15 p.m. – *General UCW Meeting*

Friday, Sept. 28th – 10:00 a.m. – *Pastoral Care & Outreach Team Meeting*

Saturday, Sept. 29th – 8:30 a.m. – *The first Men's Breakfast for the fall season is scheduled for the Portage Restaurant*

-10:00 a.m. – *Men's Choir Practice at the church for any men of the congregation who are interested in attending*

Sunday, Sept. 30th – *Men's Choir*

- *Birthday Box for WDR*

“Tribute to the Legends of Country Music” will be presented by “Country Blend” on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew's. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and are now on sale at Scott's Drugstore, Dickison's Pharmasave and St. Andrew's Church Office. Following the concert there will be light refreshments and a chance to purchase Country Blends 10 CD releases. Music will be from some of following Great Musical Performers such as: Dolly, Patsy, Loretta, Kitty, Jeannie, Jim Reeves, Hank Williams Sr., Johnny Cash, Statler Bros., Willie Nelson, etc.

The Villagers Chorus Group have recorded a new CD which is now on sale in the church office for \$10.00 a CD.

The CGIT Alumni are meeting with a brown bag picnic lunch at Middle Island on Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 11:30 a.m. (in case of bad weather they will be at St. Andrew's United Church in the basement) Any former members are invited to attend.

A Suggestion Box is at the back of the sanctuary near Rev. Charlene's office. We invite suggestions around the worship service; special events or fundraising activities; themes for Bible Study or other learning opportunities; and ideas related to other aspects of the life and work of our congregation.

Note that this box is not for complaints (they should be written and directed to the Church Council or appropriate Team.)

For the remainder of September, we invite you to give suggestions of HYMNS you would like to sing (from Voices United, Songs of the Gospel, etc.) Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

Big Brothers Big Sisters has 40 children waiting for an In-School Mentor. If you have one hour a week – one day a week – you can make a difference for a child! Make crafts, read books, play board games – it's your time that makes a difference.

Contact Big Brothers Big Sisters @ 778-2444 to volunteer.

Red Bank Church are once more selling their Apple Pies. To order please call Marion Hare 622 7775 before Oct 1st and after Oct. 1st at the Church office between 8am -12 pm.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Anglican Church, King Street. Music will be by: Jeremiah Stewart and Testimony by: Ed Glancey. Cost is a free will offering.