

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**Harvey, N.B.****“Reaching up to God, to reach out to the World”**

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September 20th, 201517th Sunday after Pentecost**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**** Please stand as you are able***Prelude****Lighting of the Christ Candle****Welcome and Announcements*****Introit:**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say,
Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say,
Rejoice!

Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice!
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***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: **Our God invites us to walk the road
of service and sacrifice.**

Leader: Our society suggests we measure our
success by our level of pleasure and
greed.

People: Our God seeks to measure success by our hope, which is founded in his joy and grace.

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

People: Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

Leader: Come let us humble ourselves before our God, let us worship him in humility and joy.

***Hymn:** Called as partners in Christ's service 587

Prayer of Approach (including Lord's Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, and the wisdom to serve instead of lead, so we might bring forth righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (silent prayer). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family Hymn: I am the church! You are the church! 475

Time with the Y-POG (Young People of God):

A Litany of Commissioning
(please see bulletin insert)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination: Open our eyes, Lord
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
 To reach out and touch him, and say that we
 love him
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Hebrew Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31 (p. 787)

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 54 (bulletin p. 6)

***Gloria Patri:**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
 Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
 Amen.**

New Testament: James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a (p. 1481)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37 (p. 1206)

The Gospel of our risen Lord

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Anthem

The Offering

***Doxology:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him, all creatures here below
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness 748

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Song of Dismissal

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, with strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be
righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be
healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

Postlude

WELCOME We are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, a special welcome is extended to you. Please join us downstairs for a time of coffee and fellowship immediately following the worship service.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS are with all who are sick, in hospital or at home; as well as those awaiting diagnosis and/or treatment. And we hold close all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

KNOX Y-POG Welcome back to all our Young People Of God!!! We have missed you over the summer months. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we kick off another exciting year of learning and fellowship.



ACTON services continue each Sunday morning at 9:30am until **October 11th**. A final seasonal closing service will be held on the evening of October 18th.

NURSERY care is available for children who are too young to participate in our “Young People of God” program. We would invite parents to relax during their time for worship while knowing their youngsters will be well cared for.



KNOX CHOIR PRACTISES Tuesdays at 7PM at the church. New members are always welcome!

GRIEFSHARE began last Monday. Would you like to support this program in some way? Half way through the evening we stop for coffee and a light snack. If you would like to provide a snack for us some evening, please speak to Marlene or sign sheet at the entrance to the church. There are only 5 of us in the group at this time so we don't need much! It is never too late to join so if you are interested in becoming part of this group, join us on Monday at 7 o'clock here in the basement.

READERS FOR SUNDAYS If you are not currently a scripture reader on Sundays but would like to consider being one, please speak to Marlene. She will be happy to add your name to the list.



THESE DAYS The daily devotionals for **Oct/Nov/Dec** have arrived and are available in the vestibule. These are free, though the cost to the church is \$2 per subscription per quarter. A basket is available if you wish to assist in defraying these costs.

FOOD BANK The congregation is reminded that **the last Sunday of each month** (next Sunday) has been designated Food Bank Sunday. However, non-perishable food items may be left in at the back of the church any time of the month for distribution to the community's needy.

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED invites any interested parties to join them in a book study of **“Dinner with a Perfect Stranger”** by **D. Gregory**, on **Thurs., Oct 8th** at 7pm.

Psalm 54

One: Save me, God, by your power and prove that I am right.

All: **Listen to my prayer and hear what I say.**

One: Cruel strangers have attacked and want me dead. Not one of them cares about you.

All: **You will help me, Lord God, and keep me from falling;**

One: you will punish my enemies for their evil deeds. Be my faithful friend and destroy them.

All: **I will bring a gift and offer a sacrifice to you, Lord. I will praise your name because you are good.**

One: You have rescued me from all of my troubles, and my own eyes have seen my enemies fall.

The minister may be contacted by phone at the church, in her home (study), or by cell, or at any time by text or email. She would be pleased to receive inquiries regarding church activities, the Christian faith, or to offer support for challenges in Christian living. Appointments can be made to meet at the church or in your home at a convenient time.



GLORIFYING AND ENJOYING GOD: A six week study on **church membership**, led by Rev. Anne will be held on Sunday afternoons, immediately following fellowship time and will run approximately 90 mins/wk. Classes will **begin on October 11th** with anticipation of all participants being welcomed into full communicant membership on November 29th.

Anyone (ages 14+) interested in church membership is invited to join in these weekly sessions. (Attendance at worship and the study sessions will be required all six weeks.)

A Litany of Commissioning

INTRODUCTION

Education is a vital ministry of the Church's mission and calling in the world. The people of Israel were commissioned to pass on to all generations the commandments, teaching, and wisdom they received from God. Jesus came preaching and teaching the good news of the Gospel and to reveal the Kingdom of God.

Leader:

Please stand, in body or spirit, if you are a member of the session:

The session is responsible for providing programs of Christian education in the areas of faith, mission, and discipleship and for recruiting, appointing, training, and supporting teachers.

Do you commit yourselves to ensuring that there is excellent education in the Christian faith and that our teachers and students are supported?

Elders: We do, with God's help.

Leader:

Please stand, in body or spirit, if you are a teacher, shepherd, or nursery volunteer.

God has called you to be teachers and this congregation has recognized your gifts. The blessings and grace you received at your baptism have been nurtured in the church and by the Holy Spirit; these things prepare and equip you for this ministry.

Do you commit yourself cheerfully to this calling?

Teachers: We do.

Leader:

Do you promise to take great care in preparation of material, to pray with and for the people in your care, and to continue to study and to learn the wisdom and commandments of God?

Teachers: We do, with God's help.

Leader:

Please stand, in body or spirit, if you are a parent, grandparent, guardian, aunt, or uncle:

The home and family are the primary places of Christian education. You have responsibilities for teaching and are partners with the Church in the care and education of our children and youth

Will you work with the teachers by supporting them in their work and will you promise to nurture the faith at home?

Parents: We will, with God's help.

Leader:

(To young people) You are the children and youth of our church. We love you. You are special and important to us beyond words. Will you do your best to learn from, work with, and help your teachers?

Young people: We will, with God's help.

Leader:

Please stand, in body or spirit, if you are a member or adherent of this congregation:

Will we, the people of this congregation support and encourage our teachers and young people through prayer and whatever practical help might be sought?

All: We will, with God's help.

PRAYER