

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Reaching up to God, to reach out to the World”

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18th Sunday after Pentecost
Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

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: As God sent Christ to us, so Christ sends
us into the world.

People: **We are here to proclaim Christ in word
and deed.**

Leader: Mission is sharing a message of hope and
salvation to all, the gift we have received
through faith in Christ.

People: It asks people to trust Christ, to be baptized and to enter a life honouring Jesus as Lord.

Leader: Mission is service, a call to help people in need and to permeate all life with the compassion of God.

People: It calls us to trust Christ and to lead a life which exemplifies and honours Jesus as Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship this very living Lord.

***Hymn:** In loving partnership 759

Prayer of Approach (including Lord's Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

We are called to be your people, Lord – why do we find it so hard to answer? You ask us to speak out against injustice, and we whisper because we are afraid someone might hear us. You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us, but we close our eyes. You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your image, yet we persist in noticing the differences between us and others.

Forgive us, Gracious Lord. May we be the ones who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, of hope, of healing, of joy, to everyone who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift of Jesus Christ. (silent prayer). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Family Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me 648

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

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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (p. 608)

***Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 124 (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 5:13-20 (p. 1482)
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50 (p. 1207)
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:** Where cross the crowded ways of life 760

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Amen**Song of Dismissal**

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.

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.

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.)

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.

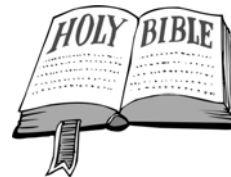
NURSERY care is available for children who are too young to participate in our "Young People of God" program. We would invite parents to relax during their time for worship while knowing their youngsters will be well cared for.



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

YOU ARE INVITED Don't know what to cook for supper? Tired of cooking? Tired of eating alone or just the two of you? Want a new face across the table from you and someone to talk with? A "**Dinner Out**" is being organized for **Sunday, October 4th**. We will travel to Fredericton for a meal at "Swiss Chalet" - located on Prospect Street. Reservations must be made so you will have to commit to going in advance. We could gather at the church and make plans to carpool or you can make your own travel plans. You just have to let us know that you are going! Sign up sheet is available at the entrance to the church. For those wanting to car pool we would **leave Knox at 4:15** - drive to Fredericton, enjoy a meal together and return home.

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.

Psalm 124

One: The Lord was on our side! Let everyone in Israel say:

All: “The Lord was on our side!

One: Otherwise, the enemy attack would have killed us all, because it was furious;

All: We would have been swept away in a violent flood of high and roaring waves.”

One: Let’s praise the Lord! He protected us from enemies who were like wild animals,

All: and we escaped like birds from a hunter’s torn net.

One: The Lord made heaven and earth, and he is the one who sends us help.

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.

FOOD BANK The congregation is reminded that **the last Sunday of each month** (today) 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.

THANK YOU to those members of the congregation who participated in last week’s Terry Fox Run. We, as a congregation, are humbled by your generous gift of time and energy for such a worthy cause and event.