We welcome all who worship with us today

The Life & Work of St. Andrew's...

Today: Sunday Forum following worship

Sunday 26 November: 11 a.m. Worship
AMS Sale following worship.

Sunday 3 December: 11 a.m. Worship White Gift Sunday

In the community...

Sunday, 3 pm, Nov. 26 - Excerpts from "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn in Brunton Auditorium. The Choral Society (with Carol Sheehan and Elizabeth Massarelli singing) and Branden Olsen, our former choir director, singing the part of Elijah

Minister's hours at the church:

Jeff will be holding hours at the church this **Monday** from 8:30 to 11:30a.m.

As we gather for worship we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mikmaq peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which the Mikmaq peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mikmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Cover image: The Parable of the Talents (1712) Unknown.

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Organist – Johanna Goldenberg

Choir Director – Sarah Sharpe

Today's Readers – Laura Snyder

Today's Greeters – Sylvia Harris

& Laura Snyder

Prayer Tree - if you have prayer requests or wish to be part of the Prayer Tree please contact Mary Bogaard: mbogaard@eastlink.ca

Sunday Bulletins & Calendar of events can be found at www.sapres.ca

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Our Purpose
"To see Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly,
to follow him more nearly, day by day."

24rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 2017

*Indicates to stand as able

Navy book – The Book of Praise Red book – The Book of Psalms

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Entrance of the Bible

*Hymn (unannounced): We praise you, O God

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*Call to Worship (Responsive):

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Congregation: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

for great in our midst is the Holy One.

Prayers of Approach

Adoration

Confession (unison):

Merciful God,

you have revealed your way to us,

yet we have gone astray;

you have blessed us with many gifts,

yet we have not been faithful in using these gifts to glorify you;

you call us to do what is loving, kind and just,

but we have not loved or cared for our neigbour as we should;

you send us out to proclaim your good news in word and deed,

but we conceal your truth from the world.

O Lord, we need your strength, your mercy, and your assurance.

Forgive us and restore us,

that we may turn from our wandering ways,

and with courage come to follow you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

{Silent Confession}

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn: Come, let us sing to Lord our song (verses 1-3)

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Young Worshippers

*Hymn: Come, let us sing to Lord our song (verse 4)

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GOD SPEAKS IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: Judges 4:1-7, pp. 191-2.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 123, Refrain I

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, pp. 960-1.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30, p. 807.

Sermon "Parable of the Talents"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn: O day of God, draw nigh

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*Affirmation of faith (Unison) selections from Living Faith, "Holy Spirit Forms and Equips the Church" The presence of the Holy Spirit is seen in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, loyalty, gentleness, and self-control. The Spirit blesses us with various gifts. We seek to discover those gifts and to use them for our Lord. Faithful loving service is a sign that the Spirit is present. The presence of the Spirit is evident where people are made whole, encouraged, and enabled to grow in Christ. Come, Holy Spirit!

*Sung Refrain (tune on inside front cover of "The Book of Praise"):

There is one true God whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace.

Prayers of Intercession

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Presentation of Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (79 The Book of Praise)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD

*Hymn (unannounced): O servants of God

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*Charge & Benediction

*Choral Amen (780 The Book of Praise)

Postlude