

***We welcome all who worship with us today***

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

Next Week's Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16.

**YEAR TO DATE DONATION REPORT--AUGUST 31**

2023 approved budget: \$121,481

Goal:	66.66%	or	\$80,979
Given:	58.73%	or	<u>\$71,350</u>
<b>Short ytd:</b>			<b>\$9,629</b>

Short YTD has grown during the summer. We are still awaiting start of work on our roof, with the money in place. Heating season will be on us soon--the Operating Account is still the target for any extra donations. Thank you!

***Mission Moment...***

For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenge in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.

*As we gather for worship we acknowledge and honour that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq peoples*  
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Prayer Tree – if you have prayer requests or wish to be part of the Prayer Tree please contact Mary Bogaard: [mbogaard@eastlink.ca](mailto:mbogaard@eastlink.ca)

Sunday Bulletins & Calendar of events can be found at [www.sapres.ca](http://www.sapres.ca)



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*Joseph pardons his Brothers, detail. Bacchiacca, 1515.*

***Our Purpose***

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

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

\*indicates to stand as able

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Navy book – *The Book of Praise*

Red book – *The Book of Psalms*

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

\*Entrance of the Bible

\*Processional Hymn: O God beyond all praising 448 *The Book of Praise*

\*Call to Worship (Responsive):

Minister: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

**Congregation: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Prayers of Approach

Adoration

Confession (*unison*):

**Loving God,  
though you have forgiven us of our manifold sins  
we confess that we have failed to forgive others of their offenses.  
With hardened hearts we cling to petty disputes, old and new.  
We pour out our contempt on others instead of upholding others with grace.  
We run from the possibility of reconciliation.  
Lord, how can we love you whom we have not seen,  
if we cannot love our brother and sister whom we do see?**

**Cleanse our hearts, O Lord,  
and put a right spirit within us,  
that we may forgive and be at peace  
with you and one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

{*Silent Confession*}

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn: Forgive our sins as we forgive 751 *The Book of Praise*

Young Worshippers

GOD SPEAKS IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21, p. 42.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13, Refrain I

Epistle Reading: Romans 14:1-12, pp. 923-3.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35, p. 800.

Sermon “*Passing judgment*”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*Hymn: Lord, make us servants of your peace 739 *The Book of Praise*

\*Affirmation of faith from *Living Faith*

**All people fall short of God's standards and need salvation. God's way to salvation has been  
revealed in Jesus Christ. Through the death and resurrection of Christ our sins are forgiven.  
Salvation means life, forgiveness, healing, wholeness. It comes from God's grace received through  
faith in Christ alone. Thanks be to God!**

\*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

\*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*): God is Love: come heaven, adoring 314 *The Book of Praise*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Choral Amen (780 *The Book of Praise*)

Postlude