

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome in the name of the living God, in the name of the beloved Son Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Spirit who gives us life. If you are a visitor you are invited to sign our guest book.

(** indicates standing, as you are able)

THE APPROACH

Organ Prelude

Entry of Choir and Minister

Welcome and Announcements

****Please rise as the Bible enters the sanctuary**

****Introit**

1. Let there be light; let there be understanding; let all the nations gather; let them be face to face.

4. Let there be light; open our hearts to wonder; perish the way of terror; hallow the world God made.

****Call to Worship**

One: God's light shines:

People: We are children of the light.

One: God's Spirit moves:

People: We are interpreters of the Spirit.

One: God's Son guides:

People: We are followers of the Son.

****HYMN**

#467

Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **Oh God, in the light of your grace and mercy, we confess that we have not lived out our baptism into Christ. We have not walked according to his way of love. We have not lived with respect in Creation. Forgive us and change us from our ways. Show us the mercy that calls us into faithful living through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's time

**Hymn

Swing low, sweet chariot

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

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1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

2. If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, Tell all my friends I'm coming, too, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

3. The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home, When Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

4. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home, but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 50: 1-6

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One: God, the Almighty has spoken;

People: and summoned the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

One: God shines out from Zion, a city perfect in beauty.

People: Our God appears and will not keep silent.

One: Before you, God, runs a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest rages about you,

People: you call on the heavens above, and on the earth below, to witness the judgement of your people:

One: "Gather my people before me, the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice."

People: The heavens proclaim your justice, for you yourself are judge.

Anthem	Seed That in Earth is Dying	<i>Bradley Ellingboe</i>
Old Testament	2 Kings 2: 1-12	pg. 272
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6	pg. 881
Gospel	Mark 9: 2-9	pg. 772
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	

Sermon From the mountain to the valley

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Offering

****Offerory #555** (v5 & refrain)
Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, Creator, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one.

Refrain Worship the Lord, (worship the Lord), worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son, raising our hands, (raising our hands), in devotion to God who is one!

****Prayer of dedication**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

****Hymn #543** Here, O my Lord, I see thee (vs. 1-3)

The Institution of the Supper

One: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the bread and the raising of the cup

Communion (*Gluten free bread is placed in the center of the bread tray*)

Prayer

****Hymn #543** ... Too soon we rise... (v 4-7)

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Sending Forth #766** Amen, amen, amen, amen.



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Organist: Lloyd MacLean
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Carrying the Bible: Gary Ross
MacLean St. Ushers: Theresa van de Pol & Albert van de Pol
James St. Ushers: Shirley Cruickshank & Noreen Morrison
Office entry Usher: Mark Thibeau
Scripture Reader: Chet Fleming
Refreshments: Fran Savage, Shirley MacDonald & Justin Savage

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

We express our love and sympathy to Evelyn MacLeod and family on the death of husband/father Donald MacLeod. There will not be a visitation or funeral and interment will be at a later date. Don has been a member since 1943.

We have received a donation from the New Glasgow Music Festival, as a thank you for allowing them to use the church last year.

The choir has received a donation from Katherine & Leroy Taylor in memory of their grandson, Kirk Taylor who attended First Church until they moved away.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the Rev. Darlene Jewers and the Anglican Churches of Pictou County.

Annual reports are available at each entryway. Please only take one per family, as we reduced the number we printed this year.

Our organist, Lloyd MacLean and his wife and members of the musical group, Common Cup, are touring Australia and New Zealand from February 15 – April 18. The band arrives “Down Under” February 17, 2018 to begin rehearsals for a six-concert tour of South Western Australia, supported through the Anglican Dioceses of Bunbury and Perth. For more information see their website at: <http://www.commoncup.com>. While Lloyd is enjoying his “trip of a lifetime”, Joy Shaw will be filling in at the organ.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Readings for February 18 (Lent 1): Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22 and Mark 1: 9-15.

Feb. 12 – Search Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

Feb. 14 - E. MacKay/G. Reid AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm.



Feb. 17 – **Sweetheart Breakfast** from 8-10 am sponsored by the Men’s Breakfast Club and the Board of Managers.

Bring your “sweetheart” (could be mother, father, grandchild etc) and have a great breakfast and social time. Tickets \$7.00 and available from any member of the Board of Managers or at the office during regular office hours.

Feb 17 from 10am to 12 noon -Annual Valentine Coffee Party & Bake Table, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow (George St Entrance) Cost is \$7. All are welcome.

Feb. 24 – 2pm – Concert for the Kirk organ restoration fund, featuring Rhonda Brown, Greg, Ron and Hannah MacDonald, Maurice Poirier and more. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Big Al’s, H&R Music or by calling 759-8564.

ANNUAL MEETING



Feb. 25 – **ANNUAL MEETING** after the service.

Everyone is asked to bring a lunch item to share.

Coffee and tea will be provided. Also please bring your report, as we reduced the number that we printed this year, and might not have extras lying around.

Mission Statement: *But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously – take God seriously. Micah 6: 8-The Message*