

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 18, 2018

1st Sunday in Lent

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 #575** Lead me, Lord
Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face,
for it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me dwell in safety.

****Call to Worship**

One: Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk
the inward way,

**People: where meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope
to Easter day.**

One: The pilgrim Christ, the lamb of God, who found in
weakness, greater power.

**People: embraces us, though lost and flawed, and leads us to his
rising hour.**

(Words by James Gerimenian)

**HYMN #64 Be still and know that I am God

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **God of love, we are among the unjust for whom the just Christ willingly suffered. We confess before you our failing in serving you through Christ. Forgive our transgressions and transform us under the rainbow of your covenant and our baptism in Christ's service. Amen.**

Children's time

**Hymn #761 Who's going to tell the story

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 25: 1-10

One: To you, O God, I lift up my soul, my God in You I trust. Let me not be put to shame, nor let my foes gloat over me.

People: Let none who wait for you be shamed; let them be shamed who wantonly break faith.

One: Show me your ways; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth and teach me; for you are God my savior. For you I wait all the day long.

One: Remember your mercy, O God, and your steadfast love, for they are as old as time.

People: Do not remember the sins and offences of my youth. According to your steadfast love, remember me, for your goodness' sake, O God!

One: You are upright and good, O God, therefore you show the path to those who go astray.

People: You guide the humble to do what is right, and teach the lowly your way.

One: All your ways are loving and sure

People: for those who keep your covenant and commandments.

Anthem Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris M. Akers

Old Testament	Genesis 9: 8-17	pg. 6
Epistle	1 Peter 3: 18-22	pg. 923
Gospel	Mark 1: 9-15	pg. 764
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
Hymn:	#490	God of grace and God of glory
Sermon	Sticking With Us!	

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Offering

**Offertory	#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

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn **#685 How firm a foundation

**Commissioning and Benediction

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



Interim Minister:	Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod (H) 902-382-2264
Guest Organist:	Joy Shaw
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Carrying the Bible: Gary Ross
MacLean St. Ushers: Keith & Shirley Cruickshank
James St. Ushers: Gary Baudoux & Colette Condon
Office entry Usher: Mark Thibeau
Scripture Reader: Berma Marshall
Refreshments: Sara Fullerton & Brent MacQuarrie



*Today's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of mother,
Christena Aicken,
by Kenneth and Marilyn MacLeod*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the Rev. Moses Adekola and the congregation of Second Baptist Church.

Annual reports are available at each entryway. Thank you to Rev. Ken and Marilyn for providing the covers this year. Please only take one per family, as we reduced the number we printed this year. They are also available on the website.

Thank you to Barb Biggar for helping to assemble the annual reports last weekend.

Thank you to those who had the idea, implemented and organized, worked in the kitchen, provided supplies, served and of course, to everyone who came to eat a wonderful breakfast and support the church yesterday at the pancake breakfast.

We have received a thank you from the Pictou East Food Bank for our continuous and generous donations.

We have received a thank you from the Dr. Caroline Carmichael Chapter of the IODE for the contributions from the Mitten Tree. The items were distributed throughout Pictou Co. Card on bulletin board.

The obituary of Alice Creaser is on the bulletin board in the upper hall. Her husband, Rev. Hugh Creaser was minister here from 1955-1971. Alice was 101 when she died on January 30.

I will be doing **Income taxes** again this year for low income people starting Feb 28. Larry Ingham 902 752-1639

A big Welcome and Thank you to Joy Shaw

who is filling in for a couple of months while our organist, Lloyd MacLean, together with his wife and members of the musical group, Common Cup, are touring Australia and New Zealand. The band arrived "Down Under" yesterday 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>. We hope Lloyd is enjoying his "trip of a lifetime." He will return on April 18.

The Board of Trustees has developed a new Trust Deed, which will be dealt with at the Annual Meeting. There are copies available at each of the two entrances if you wish to read it before the Annual Meeting.

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

Readings for February 25 (Lent 2): Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22: 23-31, Romans 4: 13-25 and Mark 8: 31-38.

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



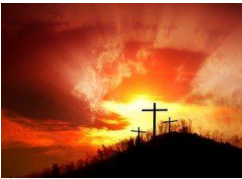
Feb. 25 – ANNUAL MEETING after the service.

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.

March 2 - 6:00 pm - Archway Christian Counselling is hosting their annual banquet and silent auction at Plymouth Fire Hall. Tickets are \$25 each are available until Feb. 23 by calling 752-5193 or 893-3991.

Excerpts from: **Moderator's Reflection and Prayer for the Season of Lent and Easter**



Lent is a time of reflection. So I am in a reflective mode, thinking about what I have learned over the last eight months. Lent is also a time when people make commitments to take up spiritual practices and that

has mixed into my thinking as well. One of the practices I hope I will be able to integrate into my life as a result of being Moderator is heeding call of James 1:19: “Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger...” The Jesus who invited his followers to turn the other cheek when insulted, and himself did not respond when falsely accused.

Prayer

God your word brought creation into being and gave humanity the gift of speech,

Teach us, we pray, to listen to others, valuing their words, their stories, their voices.

By your Spirit control our tongues that we may be slow to speak. Teach us to think before we speak, so that we may “Say only what helps, each word a gift.” (James 1:19, *The Message*)

Remake us this Lent, by the Spirit’s action in our lives, that we might be known as people who are quick to listen and slow to speak.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, Moderator of the 2017 General Assembly*