

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, February 25, 2018*

2nd 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 #571** Lord, I want to be a Christian (v1)  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart,  
in-a my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my  
heart, in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be  
a Christian in-a my heart.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

One: Let all who see God be joyful in heart and rejoice in God's name.

**People: We will live in God's presence always as a source of our strength.**

**\*\*HYMN #324** Great is thy faithfulness

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel, we recall your covenant with them. No matter how often they broke covenant with you, you always kept covenant with them. As it was with them, so it is with us. O God, we confess that we duplicate the mistakes of our ancestors. Hear our prayer, O God, and bring us your healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's time

\*\*Hymn #632 Help us accept each other

Prayer (children go to class)

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 22: 23-31

One: Give praise, all you who fear God! Proclaim God's greatness,  
all you children of Jacob;

**People: stand in awe, all you children of Israel!**

One: For God has neither despised nor scorned the poor in their  
distress.

**People: You, O God, have not hidden your face from them. You  
heard them when they called to you.**

One: You are the theme of my praise in the great assembly.

**People: I will keep my promise in the presence of those who fear  
you.**

One: Let the poor eat to satisfaction; let those who seek you praise  
you.

**People: May they be in good heart forever!**

One: Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O  
God. Let all families of the nations bow down before you.

**People: For yours, is the dominion, O God, you rule over the  
nations.**

One: Our children shall serve you, and tell generations yet to come  
about you.

**People: To a people yet unborn, they shall make known the saving  
deeds you have done.**

Anthem I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*African-American spiritual- J. Jefferson Cleveland*

Old Testament Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 pg. 11

Epistle Romans 4: 13-25 pg. 859

Gospel Mark 8: 31-38 pg. 771

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Hymn: **#672** Jesus calls us

Sermon **Making a Loss A Win!**

## **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 #687** Blessed assurance

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

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



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Carrying the Bible: Gary Ross  
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James St. Ushers: Brent MacQuarrie & Sara Fullerton  
Office entry Usher: Chet Fleming  
Refreshments: Congregation



*Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving  
memory of Marian MacIntosh by  
Russell and family.*

**TODAY** - **ANNUAL MEETING** – Please stay if you can. Since we are in the process of seeking a new minister and our financial situation is rather shaky, we encourage your attendance. There are extra annual reports on the table in the hall where the meeting is being held.

**2:30pm – Nursing Home Service** at High Crest Home (formerly Sunset)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The amount raised at the Sweetheart Breakfast last weekend was \$508.85. Thank you to all!

We have received a Newsletter from the Alzheimer's Society. There are a couple of copies on the bulletin board.

The letter of apology from the Moderator to the LGBTQI community has been photocopied and there are copies at each entryway if you would like to read it.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Salem & West Branch United.

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

**Camp Geddie** is still accepting applications for staff positions for this summer. Staff applications and job descriptions may be found at [www.campgeddie.ca](http://www.campgeddie.ca)



Are you interested in being a **scripture reader**? Just call and leave your name at the office (752-5691). The rotation is approximately every 2-3 months.

## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

**Readings for March 4 (Lent 3):** Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 and John 2: 13-22.

**March 1** at 7:00pm. The TUC Talks team is delighted to announce our next Speaker, Kelley Cavan, who is a public health nutritionist at the Nova Scotia Health Authority. *“Dignity & Development: Improving Community Food Security”* is the title for Kelley’s talk, to be held in the Multi-Purpose room at Trinity United Church.

**March 5** – C. Mair AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm. There will be a Bring and Buy sale and an In Memoriam collection.

**March 6** – 7:00 pm Session meeting.

**March 7** - Lecture by Sebastian Chang Hwan Kim can be live streamed. It is Free, but registration is required at: [www.knox.utoronto.ca/laidlaw2018](http://www.knox.utoronto.ca/laidlaw2018). The presentation is on public theology as a critical, reflective and reasoned engagement with the academy, church and society – for the sake of justice for society’s marginalized.

**March 18** @ 3pm - There will be a gospel concert hosted by Second United Baptist Church on 330 Washington New Glasgow. This concert will feature Razzamajazz Ensemble, Ray Stewart, Little Harbour Choir, Danny Walsh, 2nd United Baptist Sr Choir, Stellarton Male Chorus, The Vocal Chords Quartet and more. There will be a free-will offering taken, with proceeds going to help assist **Viola's Place Society**. Fellowship and Lunch will be served following the concert.

For many years the WDP Service was held on the first Friday of March. First United Baptist are hosting the service this year, they cannot hold the meeting on March 2. No choir is required this year... World Day of Prayer Service will be held on **Friday, April 13** at 2 pm at First United Baptist Church.

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**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*