

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 4, 2018

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

People: And also with you.

One: O praise the Lord. How good it is to sing psalms to our God!

People: O praise the Lord. How pleasant to praise the Eternal One!

****HYMN #290** Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **Oh God, you search us and know our hearts, and now in this time of confession, we are aware of our weakness and our failures. We confess it is hard to face our own shortcomings. Forgive us and help us to see with your eyes. Help us let you heal us and shape us in your love. Hear our prayer through our faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's time

Hymn **#579 Oh, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me
(Responsive – see bold)

**Refrain: All: Oh, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord.
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.**

1. Did ever you see the like before? *Solo*
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
King Jesus preaching to the poor! *Solo*
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
Refrain

2. Oh, wasn't that a happy day? *Solo*
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
when Jesus washed my sins away! *Solo*
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
Refrain

3. Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
they fool all day and pray at night.
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
Refrain

4. My Lord's done just what he said:
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
He's healed the sick and raised the dead;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me: All
Refrain

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 147: 1-11

One: How good it is to sing praises to God,

People: how pleasant to laud the Most High.

One: You are building Jerusalem, O God, and gathering the scattered exiles of Israel.

People: You are healing the broken-hearted, and binding up their wounds.

One: You count the number of the stars, and call them all by their names.

People: Great are you, O God and mighty your power, yes, and your wisdom is infinite.

One: You raise up the lowly,

People: and bring down the wicked to dust.

One: Sing to God in thanksgiving; make music on the harp to our God.

People: Who covers the sky with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes the hills green with grass.

One: You give the cattle their food, and the young ravens when they cry.

People: You set no store by the power of a horse, nor by the strength of a warrior's thighs. Your delight is in those who revere, who rely on your mercy.

Anthem	Motherless Child	<i>Peter Amidon</i>
Old Testament	Isaiah 40: 21-31	pg. 552
Epistle	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	pg. 873
Gospel	Mark 1: 29-39	pg. 764
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
** Hymn	#824	At evening, when the sun had set
Sermon	Jesus and the Mother-in-law	

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 of the people and the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn #662 Those who wait on the Lord

**Commissioning and Benediction

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



Interim Minister:	Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod (H) 902-382-2264
Organist:	Lloyd MacLean
Office hours:	Tues. & Wed. – 10-1; Thurs. & Fri. – 9-12
Website:	http://pccweb.ca/first-newglasgow/
Carrying the Bible:	Gary Ross
Soloists:	Berma Marshall & Ella Russell
MacLean St. Ushers:	Heidie & Bert Meyer
James St. Ushers:	Carol & Jamie Stewart
Office entry Usher:	Philip Blackwood
Scripture Reader:	Norm McComb
Refreshments:	Ethel Porter, Phoebe Fraser & Marilyn Johnstone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tax receipts are available and can be picked up at the office during regular weekly hours.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the Rev. Peter MacDonald and the congregation of Church of the Holy Name, Westville.



FEBRUARY: HAPPY 80+ BIRTHDAY to Irene Tremblett, Marion MacNeill, Emma Campbell and Alvin Sinclair.

HAPPY 50+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Arnold & Georgina MacFarlane.

Camp Geddie staff applications are now available from the website www.campgeddie.ca

The Pictou County Council of Churches is searching for volunteers who will consider becoming part of a ministry of Reintegration Circles. A reintegration circle is a team of three volunteers who come alongside someone released from prison to help that individual for the first year as they adjust to life outside. We are looking for volunteers who will take training and consider becoming part of this important ministry. Please consider, pray and contact your local Clergy and let them know of your interest. In March we will gauge the interest of people and make plans for a training event.

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

Readings for February 11: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6, 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 and Mark 9: 2-9.

Feb. 5 - C. Mair AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm.

Feb. 5 – 7:00 pm – Worship and Music team meet.

February 6 – 6:00 – Board of Managers meeting
7:00 pm – Session meeting

Feb. 9 – 11 – North End Rec Centre Winter Carnival with Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 10 from 8:00-11:00. Other events listed on poster on the bulletin board.

Feb. 10 – AMS Fellowship Lunch at 12:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton. Please let Shirley Forbes know how many will attend from your Auxiliary by Friday, Feb. 2. daycare@ns.aliantzinc.ca or call 902-752-1099.



Feb. 11 - Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Feb. 13 - The WARM Hearts (Westville & Area Refugee Mission) is hosting a Pancake Supper at 5:00 pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Westville. Cost is \$8.00 Eat in or take out.

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 the office.

Feb. 19 – Total Money Makeover – 9 week session starting Feb. 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Bees Anglican Church in Westville. Cost is \$5.00 for materials. For more information or to register please call Gary or Lee at 902-485-6007.

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*