

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, January 14, 2018*

2<sup>nd</sup> 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** Let there be light. Let there be light; open our hearts to wonder; perish the way of terror; hallow the world God made.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

One: O God, you have searched me and know me.

**People: Before a word is on my tongue, you know it. Wherever I go, you lay your hand upon me.**

One: Far beyond our understanding are your thoughts and your ways.

**People: Wonderful are your works, mighty God. We praise your holy name!**

**\*\*HYMN #176** Songs of thankfulness and praise

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God, you are creator of all, yet we confess that we have not served you with the commitment you**

**deserve. You call, O God, but we fail to listen. You ask us to follow, but we go our own way. You offer new life, but we tread old familiar paths that are mostly empty. Renew our spirits through your Spirit and lead us to follow and serve Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's time

\*\*Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

Prayer (children go to class)

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 139: 7-14

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

One: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**People: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

**People: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

Anthem	Song of Peace	<i>M. Donnelly/G. L.O. Strid</i>
Old Testament	1 Samuel 3: 1-10	pg. 201
Epistle	1 Corinthians 6: 12-20	pg. 871
Gospel	John 1: 43-51	pg. 810

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

\*\* Hymn **#442** Speak, Lord, in the stillness

Sermon *See for Yourself!*

## **THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Offering

\*\*Offertory In the bleak midwinter (vs. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

\*\*Prayer of dedication

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

\*\*Hymn **#592** I, the Lord of sea and sky

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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

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MacLean St. Ushers: Theresa van de Pol & Albert van de Pol

James St. Ushers: Bert & Heidie Meyer

Office entry Usher: Scott Grant

Scripture Reader: Norm McComb

Refreshments: Barb & Murray Biggar

**TODAY** – Nursing Home Service at Riverview Adult Residential Centre at 2:30 pm. All welcome to come and add their voice to the choir.

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

**Attention all groups** - Please have your report in to the office as soon as you can to start preparation for the Annual Report.

**We express our love and sympathy** to Heidie and Bert Meyer on the recent death of Heidie's mother, Camilla Jordan, and to Sandra Arthur and family on the death of Bill Arthur on Wednesday. As far as we know, isn't going to be a visitation or funeral for Bill. As a church family, we share your grief and pray that together we may know the strength and peace that comes through one's faith in God.

**A memorial donation** has been received in loving memory of husband, John J. and son John H. by Ethel Porter.

**Tax receipts** are available at the back of the sanctuary for a few minutes after the service today and again next week. They can also be picked up at the office during regular weekly hours. If you want a breakdown for the year to reconcile with your own records, please contact the office. To save paper, only the receipt itself was printed, but it's not a problem if you need to see the entire year's givings.

**ATTENTION CAMP GEDDIE ALUMNI** - CAMP GEDDIE is developing a listing of all former and current Campers and Staff Members who have enjoyed the Camp Geddie experience over the years. Keep up-to-date on the events, activities and news from Camp Geddie, please provide your contact information to: PROMOTION COMMITTEE, P O BOX 383, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0. Or by e-mail [geddiealumni@eastlink.ca](mailto:geddiealumni@eastlink.ca)

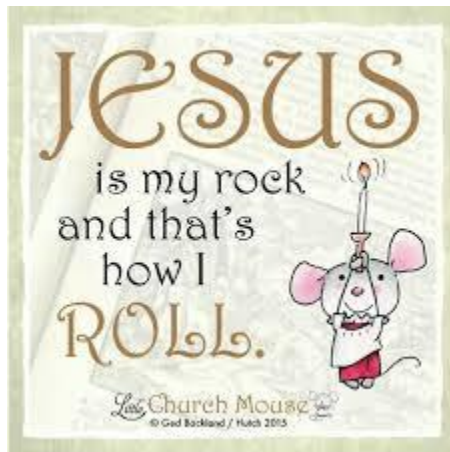
Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for First Presbyterian Church in Pictou and their lay minister, Jacquie Ross.



Would you like to be on the **church email list**? Just call the office at 752-5691 or send an email to [first.church@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:first.church@ns.aliantzinc.ca) and you will receive the weekly bulletin along with any news and events.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Readings for January 21:** 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20, Jonah 3: 1-5, 10.



**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*