

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, January 21, 2018*

3rd 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: Trust the Lord.

**People: Faith can lead to strength.**

One: Honor the Lord.

**People: Obedience can lead to wisdom.**

One: Serve the Lord

**People: Duty can lead to fulfillment.**

One: Praise the Lord.

**People: Worship can lead to a joyful heart.**

**\*\*HYMN #39** God of mercy, God of grace

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid disciples, forgetting the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive us and strengthen us once again to choose Christ's way in this world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Children's time

\*\*Hymn #753 You walk along our shoreline

Prayer (children go to class)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 62: 5-12

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

One: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

One: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balance they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**People: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

One: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

**People: and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay to all according to their work.**

Anthem Although I speak with angel's tongue (#665)

Old Testament Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 pg. 708

Epistle 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 pg. 872

Gospel Mark 1: 14-20 pg. 764

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

\*\* Hymn #649 How clear is our vocation, Lord

Sermon *The Calling God*

## **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 #749 Be still, my soul

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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

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James St. Ushers: Cathy & Jack Lewis

Office entry Usher: Scott Grant

Scripture Reader: Ella Russell

Refreshments: Mark & Jennifer Thibeau

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Tax receipts** are available at the back of the sanctuary for a few minutes after the service today. 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 have the entire year's givings.

**Memorial donations** have been received for Margaret Rollings from John & Brenda Zinck and George Moser.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for Master's Hand Ministry and Pastor Carolyn Barclay.

**Thank you** to the Circle of Friends for transferring \$4,500 from their account to the church's general operating account.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Readings for January 28:** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 and Mark 1: 21-28.

**Jan. 23** – Pictou Presbytery meets at First Presbyterian Church in Stellarton, after the meeting was cancelled last week, due to weather.

**Jan. 25** – Dignity & Development with speaker Dr. Tom Urbaniak at Trinity United Church at 7:00 pm (please use MacLean St. Door). Learn how communities can work together, be engaged and inspired.

**Feb. 14** – Transforming Mental Health & Addiction Services with speaker Todd Leader at the gymnasium at NSCC from 2:30-4:00. No admission.

**Feb. 24** - Pictou County Roots for Youth is hosting the Coldest Night of the Year, a 2,5 and 10 km winter walk. You can captain a team or join a team. Call Jan Keefe at 902-695-3241 for more info. There is a poster on the bulletin board.



**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*