

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 28, 2018

4th 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: We come here to worship in community.

People: We come here to catch a glimpse of God's mystery as we seek new direction.

One: We come to leave our burdens with God.

People: We come to be filled once again with God's grace.

****HYMN #433** All creatures of our God and King

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

One: God of mercy and love, you have made us in your image. You

call us to serve you. We confess that we often fail in our service.

All: Forgive us, God.

One: You grant us grace to live by, but we fail to be gracious to others. We nurse grudges, judge harshly, and act with pettiness.

All: Forgive us, God.

One: We permit fear and anxiety to rule us instead of trusting you, loving God. Forgive our self-centeredness, our short sightedness and our small heartedness.

All: Forgive us, God. Amen

Children's time

Hymn **#449 Lord, listen to your children praying

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 111

One: I will thank you, God with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in their assembly.

People: Great are your works, O God, studied by all who delight in them.

One: Honour and majesty are your work; your righteousness endures forever.

People: You have won renown for your wonders; you are gracious and full of compassion.

One: You give food to those who fear you; you keep your covenant always in mind.

People: You have shown your power in action, giving your people the heritage of nations.

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts trustworthy.

People: They stand fast forever and ever; grounded in justice and truth.

One: You sent redemption to your people;

People: you decreed your covenant forever. Holy and awesome is your name.

One: The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom;

People: those who practice it have good understanding. May your praise endure forever.

Anthem His Eye is on the Sparrow *Donald Moore*

Old Testament Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 pg. 144

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 pg. 873

Gospel Mark 1: 21-18 pg. 764

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

** Hymn **#729** Silence, frenzied, unclean Spirit

Sermon **An Outrageous Teaching!**

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 **#642 O Master, let me walk with thee

**Commissioning and Benediction

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



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MacLean St. Ushers: Jamie & Carol Stewart
James St. Ushers: Bert & Heidie Meyer
Office entry Usher: Philip Blackwood
Scripture Reader: Lynne Ann MacLellan
Refreshments: Teela, Sharon & Ella
Last week: 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 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 Hopewell, Eureka, East River Pastoral charge and the Rev. Bonnie Fraser.

Congratulations is extended to Lindsay Burgess and the Nova Scotia junior ladies curling team who won gold medals in Quebec. The team will be representing Canada at the worlds competition in Aberdeen, Scotland in March. Lindsay's very proud grandmother is Clarice Campbell.

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

We express our sympathy to Betty Smith (Waterside) and family on the death of husband/father, Brad. There will be no funeral. Visitation will be held today from 1-3 pm at the HW Angus Funeral Home.

From the Pictou County Council of Churches:
Reintegration Ministry Volunteers Needed! Jesus came to proclaim release to the captives! We still have reintegration work to do. 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 4: Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 and Mark 1: 29-39.

Monday, January 29 – 7:00 pm Search Committee meets.

January 30 – 6:00 pm – Board of Managers meeting.

Feb. 4 - In The Spirit 5 - A Gathering of Local Talent from the Pictou Town Churches. Singing, Dancing, Skits, Music...and so much more! 7:00pm at Pictou United Church. Tickets \$10. Available at the door or from any of the Pictou Town Churches. Or call 902 485-8081 to reserve your tickets

February 6 – 7:00 pm – Session meets

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. 14 – Bridgeville United Church is hosting a Valentine’s Day Dinner of lasagna, salad, rolls and cake for \$10, from 4-6. Reservations required by calling 923-2410.

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*