

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

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** He is Lord (X 2) (**Unison**)

He is Lord, he is Lord:

he is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord.

****Call to Worship**

One: In the Easter newness and resurrection of this season,

People: there is hope.

One: In the Easter freedom and joy of this season,

People: there is liberation.

One: In the Easter alleluias and amens of this season,

People: there is grace.

One: Christ is risen.

People: Alleluia.

****HYMN #243** Jesus Christ is risen today

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **Come to us, God, like fresh water, softening the soil of a parched and weary land. We confess that hurts and disappointments harden our hearts, frustrations and failures dry us out. Come to us, God, with life-giving power. Free us from resentment, reluctance and reserve. Remind us that in your forgiveness, we are free. Forgiven, may we be forgiving. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

Children's time

****Hymn #78** This is the day

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

One: God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.

People: There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous.

One: The right hand of God does mighty things; the right hand of God raises up.

People: The right hand of God does mighty things.

One: I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.

People: God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death.

One: Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God.

People: This is the gate of God; through it the righteous shall enter.

One: I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

People: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is God's doing, marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Anthem	Ye Servants of God	<i>C. Wesley/M. Vree.</i>
Old Testament	Isaiah 25: 6-9	pg. 539
Epistle	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	pg. 877
Gospel	Mark 16: 1-8	pg. 780
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	

Hymn **#249 The Day of Ressurrection

Sermon **God on the Loose!**

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 **#257 The strife is o'er the battle done

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Sending Forth #766

Amen, amen, amen, amen



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MacLean St. Ushers: Theresa van de Pol & Phoebe Fraser
James St. Ushers: Ron Jones & Chet Fleming
Office entry Usher: Mark Thibeau
Trumpet: Andrew Alcorn
Scripture Reader: Jonathan MacIvor
Refreshments: Jean McComb, Lynn Simpson & Carol Pettipas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of St. Paul's United Church, Westville and their minister the Rev. Dr. Mary Taylor.

We express our love and sympathy to Lorne & Debbie Moser and family on the death of his father, Lorne F. Moser.

Elders: If you are working on the Roll Revision and have any updates, please note that the master list is in the office.

Connection newspaper has arrived and is free to anyone who wants one. They are on the table by the choir room in the upper hall.

Happy 80+ Birthday to Ralph Holmes – April 10.

Happy 50+ Anniversary to Doug & Margie Guthro – April 17.

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

Readings for April 8: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1: 1-2:2; Psalm 133 and John 20: 19-31.

April 2 – C. Mair AMS meeting here at 2:00pm.

April 3 - Session meeting at 7:00 pm.

April 8 - Nursing Home Service at Ivey's Terrace in Trenton at 2:30 pm.

April 10 – Finance, Maintenance & Stewardship team meeting at 7:00 in the Session Room.

April 11 – MacKay/Reid AMS meeting at Havenbrook Manor at 2:00 pm.



April 13 - World Day of Prayer Service will be held at 2 pm at First United Baptist Church, East River Road. No choir is required this year.

Moderator's Prayer for Easter: God of resurrection hope, our hearts burst with the words our voices shout: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

We thank you that in Jesus Christ you have come among us, understanding the emptiness of despair, the dryness of having no more tears, and the weariness of knowing loss upon loss. Your Son, Jesus Christ, has walked this road, and we thank you that he walked this road for us. At the foot of the cross we marvel at the depth of Jesus' love.

In awe, O God, we turn to the tomb, now empty, for your power is greater than death. God of power and might, we rejoice that you have raised Jesus Christ to life again. We rejoice that that resurrection power has begun its work in our world. We celebrate the signs of new life appearing where despair and hopelessness ruled. Pour out your resurrection power, that we might live in the joy and promise of the resurrection now and forever.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who has been raised from death to life. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, moderator of the 2017 General Assembly*



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*