

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 11, 2018

4th Sunday in Lent

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**

Come Bless the Lord

Come bless the Lord, (Come bless the Lord)

All ye servants of the Lord, (All ye servants of the Lord)

Who stand by night (who stand by night)

in the house of the Lord! (in the house of the Lord)

Lift up your hands (lift up your hands)

in the holy place (in the holy place)

and bless the Lord! (and bless the Lord)

and bless the Lord (and bless the Lord)

****Call to Worship**

One: The gates of the kingdom are open.

People: A divine welcome has been offered.

One: A celebration is prepared

People: Let us join the excited crowd in the praise and worship of our God.

**HYMN #377 Come, children, join to sing

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God, we are aware of our failures as your disciples. We confess that we take your acceptance of us for granted. We are careless with our relationships and more focused on ourselves than on you. Forgive us. Draw us near to you. Awaken our spirits and kindle the flame of compassion within us. Give us a new vision of your purposes and our place within them, so we may walk and live in your light. Amen.**

Children's time

**Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

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

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

People: they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

One: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

People: he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

One: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

Anthem O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days *W.L Pelz.*

Old Testament Numbers 21: 4-9 pg. 116

Epistle Ephesians 2: 1-10 pg. 890

Gospel John 3: 14-21 pg. 811

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: **#211** Take up your cross

Sermon **Less Complaining and More Enduring**

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 #353** Hail, our once-rejected Jesus

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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Guest Organist: Joy Shaw

Office hours: Tues. & Wed. – 10-1; Thurs. & Fri. – 9-12

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Carrying the Bible: Mark Thibeau
MacLean St. Ushers: Jack & Cathy Lewis
James St. Ushers: Brock & Jane Proudfoot
Office entry Usher: Philip Blackwood
Scripture Reader: Sharon Mason
Refreshments: Cathy Lewis, Marg Fraser & Evie MacLeod

TODAY – 1:30 PM – The Mission-Outreach & Hospitality team will meet in the Ladies Parlour.

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

We express our love and sympathy to Bert Meyer and the Van de Pol family on the death of Bert's mother, Tilly Meyer, earlier this week. She was Wilma van de Pol's mother (our former caretaker). Funeral service will be held on March 12 at 2:00 at HW Angus Funeral Home with visitation from 12:30 until the funeral.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Green Hill – Alma – Merigomish United and their minister the Rev. Karen Ross.

Thank you very much to all of you who have agreed to host coffee hour after church. If you were not asked but wish to help out, please contact Cathy Lewis (752-6660). If you aren't in the habit of attending coffee hour, please consider coming – it is a good opportunity to get to know one another.

I will be doing **Income taxes** again this year for low income people starting Feb 28. Larry Ingham 902 752-1639

11 week accommodations needed - This coming spring (April 17 – July 6) there are going to be chapel students at the jail. They're in need of two places – one for the supervising teacher, former federal prison chaplain Peg Noseworthy and another for one of the students who has 4 cats. Both are willing to pay, so it can be a short-term rental of an apartment,

a room, etc. Peg will be working most evenings on marking assignments, so will be in her own space doing that. Susan will also be working most of the time she isn't at the jail on writing assignments. She does have the four cats. If interested, please contact: Rev. Wilma Janzen, Manager of Spiritual Services, Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, Phone: 902-755-7783, Cell: 902-759-3936 or email: wilma.janzen@novascotia.ca



Scripture readers needed. Just call and leave your name at the office (752-5691). The rotation is approximately every 2-3 months.

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

Readings for March 18 (Lent 5): Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 119: 9-16; Hebrews 5: 5-10 and John 12: 20-33.

March 12 – Monday – The Search Committee meet in the Session Room.

March 14 – McKay/Reid AMS will be held 2 pm March 14 at Haven Brook Manor.

March 16 - St. George's Beans and Brown Bread take-out. \$8.00 for a container of beans and a mini loaf of brown bread. Orders can be obtained at the church hall between 12pm and 5pm. Contact Brenda or Neil for tickets @ 902- 922- 3572.

Mar 19 – Mar 22: Blood Donor Clinics – Mar. 19 Pictou – 5-8pm; Mar 20 Thorburn 12-3 & 5-8pm; Mar 21/22 Summer St. Industries – 1-3 & 5-8pm. See poster on bulletin board for more information.

March 20 – First day of



March 20 - 10:00 am – Presbytery of Pictou meet in First Church, Stellarton.



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*