

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 4, 2018

3rd 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: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

People: Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.

One: Let us worship God.

**HYMN #205 O love, how deep, how broad, how high (vs 1-5)

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **Righteous God, we need your forgiveness! Our lives fall short of your will for us. We confess that we transgress your law, or fulfill its letter but violate its spirit of love. God of mercy forgive us. Teach us to follow in the path of Christ. Through your Spirit give us grace to serve our neighbors as ourselves and to glorify you through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's time

**Hymn #656 Jesus, friend of all the children

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 19: 7-14

One: God's law is perfect; refreshing the soul;

People: God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;

One: God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: God's commandment is pure giving light to the eyes;

One: God's fear is clean, enduring forever;

People: God's judgements are true, every one of them righteous;

One: more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;

People: sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb;

One: By them is your servant warned;

People: for in keeping them there is great reward.

One: But who can discern unwitting sins?

People: O cleanse me from my secret faults.

One: Keep your servant from presumptuous sins, lest they get the better of me.

People: Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

Anthem When Peace Life a River *H.G. Spafford/P.Bliss*

solo verses – Justin Savage

Old Testament

Exodus 20: 1-17

pg. 57

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 pg. 869

Gospel John 2: 13-22 pg. 811

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn: **#325** Eternal Father, strong to save

Sermon *Cleaning House!*

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 #200** Lord Jesus, who through forty days

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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Refreshments: Russell MacIntosh & family



Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of mother, Lorna Hardy by Gord and Janet Hardy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 80+ Birthday to: Wilfred Marshall – March 11, Vivian Ingham – March 12 and Donald Johnstone March 29.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of First United Church in Trenton and the Rev. Wade Reppert.

We express our love and sympathy to Claire Foote and family on the recent death of her brother, Royce Trefry.

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

The call has gone out for volunteers to mentor Syrian children as they resettle in their new home of Pictou County. You can sign up by contacting Pictou United Church at 485-8081.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Readings for March 11 (Lent 4): Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-19 and John 3: 14-21.

March 5 – C. Mair AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale and an In Memoriam Collection.

March 6 – Council of Churches meeting at First United Church, High St., Trenton.

March 6 – 7:00 pm Session meeting.

March 7 (Wed.) – 10:00 am – The Pictou Presbytery will hear **Katie (Hubley) MacIntosh** preach as part of the process for her certification as a candidate for ordination. You are welcome to attend and give support to Katie.

March 11 - Time change –turn your clocks ahead one hour.

March 11 - 3:00 pm Merigomish United Church will hold a concert with Laura Smith and Kim Dunn. Tickets \$20 and available at H&R Music or by calling Vickie at 902-926-2556. Proceeds to the Pictou Co. Fuel Fund.

March 14 – McKay/Reid AMS here at 2:00 pm.

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.

May 4-6 - Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod (PAYS) will be hosting an event for youth from the Atlantic Provinces at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Scotsburn, with their leaders for a weekend of fun, games, food and faith building. Kids eat a lot so they would graciously accept donations of grocery store gift cards, money or food donations. They also need help in the kitchen Saturday am and Sunday am. Sheila is setting up a group (2-3 people needed) to help on **Saturday morning, so call the office if you would like to be part of the group.**



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*