

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

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** Where two or three are gathered (**Unison**) X2
"Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there."

****Call to Worship**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

One: God is here and everywhere. Pause here to be recharged
with the power from above.

People: We will receive God's promised gift.

****HYMN #248 At the dawning of salvation**

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God of all pilgrims, of all children of the faithful, of all wrestlers with the truth, we confess our part in much of what is wrong with society. We are of the same humanity**

that repudiated the suffering Messiah. In our confession we seek to know you more truly so that your love may come to perfection in us, through the Spirit of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Children's time

**Hymn #435 All things bright and beautiful

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 4

One: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

People: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

One: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

People: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

One: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

People: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

One: You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

People: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Anthem Blessed Quietness *M. Ferguson/J.Kirkpatrick*
arr. P. Amidon

Epistle Acts 3: 12-19 pg. 832

Epistle 1 John 3: 1-7 pg. 928

Gospel Luke 24: 36-48 pg. 808

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn **#251 Christ is alive

Sermon **The Road Less Traveled**

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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MacLean St. Ushers: Scott Grant & Ian Semple
James St. Ushers: Jennifer & Mark Thibeau
Office entry Usher: Philip Blackwood
Scripture Reader: Phoebe Fraser
Refreshments: Isabel Henderson & Brenda Zinck

Today's bulletins are sponsored by Irene Kirk

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

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation Saltsprings, Scotsburn-Lyon's Brook Pastoral Charge and their minister the Rev. Jim Webber-Cook.

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

THANK YOU to Murray Biggar for spending time helping our caretaker, Michael, fix the window in the office after it was broken by vandals.

We received a thank you from the Second Baptist Church for the use of our sanctuary yesterday for the large funeral for Aleta Williams.

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

Readings for April 22: Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24; Psalm 23 and John 10: 11-18.

April 15 – Pastoral Care Team meet tonight at 7:00 pm.



April 20 - at noon we are starting something **NEW**. A potluck luncheon will be held monthly (except August) at noon. This is free because it's potluck and everyone will be bringing something that's ready to eat. It will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. It's meant to be a social time and will be followed by games, so bring your checker board, crib board etc. You are invited to bring a friend or neighbor, as this is not just for our church. Please use the James St. entrance. This is a new endeavor by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

April 20 – 7:00 pm at First Baptist Church on East Rive Rd. – Solitary Refinement (Incredible true stories from the persecuted church). No admission charge.

April 17-21 - New Glasgow Music Festival here from 17th – 21st.

Sunday, 22 April - Circle of Friends meeting following service to discuss date for spring soup and dessert luncheon.

April 28 at 7:30 PM. Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton presents the Caledonian Orchestra in concert along with the Caledonian Highland Dancers. Tickets are \$15 and children under 14 are free if accompanied by an adult. For tickets call the church office 902-752-4943 or drop in.

April 28 - St. Andrews Church, Pictou will hold a Spring tea from 2:00-4:00. There will be jewelry, bake, and new to you tables as well as mystery bags. Admission \$8.00

May 12 – Marriage Preparation Workshop from 9-4 at First Presbyterian Church Hall in Stellarton. Cost is \$25 per couple. To register phone 752-5935 or 752-6548. Poster on the bulletin board.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

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*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MISSION, OUTREACH &
HOSPITALITY TEAM
IS STEPPING UP TO TRY
SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Date: June 15, 2018

What is it? This is more of a “fun raiser” than a “fund raiser”. The object of this event is focused on fellowship and getting to know each other and spend time together.

How does it work? Either you are a host or a guest.

The host will know how many people will be attending, as well as when and where. Hosts will not know who their guests are until they answer their front door.

The guests, however, only know when and where to go at 5:00 pm on the date of the dinner (they will meet at the church at this time to be given the address of where to go).

To participate in this event as either host or guest, there will be sign-up sheets at the office entry. To sign up as host(s) or guest, please contact, Cathy Lewis (752-6660), Jean McComb (921-0872) or Sheila at the office (752-5691).

There will be a \$10.00 charge for adults to participate and no charge for children. All monies go back to the church to help defray daily expenses.

COME JOIN THE FUN!