

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, April 22, 2018*

4th 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:     Praise to the Lord our Shepherd, who gives us all we need  
for life.

**People: We are fed in green pastures; we are washed in the calm  
waters of God's goodness.**

One:     God leads us on the path to life and comforts us in the  
darkest valley.

**People: The Lord spreads a table for us before our enemies and  
anoints us with healing oil.**

One:     The cup of God's blessing overflows for us; God restores  
our life.

**People: We will dwell in God's house our whole life long,  
Alleluia!**

**\*\*HYMN #482** Christ is made the sure foundation

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **Merciful God, we confess that we often stray from your ways to listen to other voices, you find us and bring us back. Forgive us for clinging to possessions and failing to act for the good of all; forgive us when we hesitate to welcome those from another fold. Help us to stand before you as one in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's time

**\*\*Hymn #571** Lord, I want to be a Christian

Prayer (children go to class)

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 23 (King James Version)

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

One: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the Paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

One: Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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.**

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| Anthem         | How shall I sing to God               | <i>B. Wren/J. Collier</i>       |
| Epistle        | Acts 4: 5-12                          | pg. 833                         |
| Epistle        | 1 John 3: 16-24                       | pg. 928                         |
| Gospel         | John 10: 11-18                        | pg. 819                         |
| Leader:        | The word of God for the people of God |                                 |
| <b>People:</b> | <b>Thanks be to God</b>               |                                 |
| **Hymn         | <b>#691</b>                           | My shepherd is the king of love |

Sermon    *How big is your congregation?*

## **THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Offering

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| **Offertory | <b>#555</b> | (v5 & refrain)<br>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        **#695**    Although I speak with angel's tongue

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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



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| Interim Minister: | Rev. Dr. Kenneth MacLeod (H) 902-382-2264   |
| Organist:         | Lloyd MacLean   |
| Office hours:     | Tues. & Wed. – 10-1; Thurs. & Fri. – 9-12   |
| Website:          | <a href="http://pccweb.ca/first-newglasgow/">http://pccweb.ca/first-newglasgow/</a> |

Carrying the Bible: Phoebe Fraser  
MacLean St. Ushers: Ralph & Claire Foote  
James St. Ushers: Bert & Heidie Meyer  
Office entry Usher: Murray Biggar  
Scripture Reader: Ella Russell  
Refreshments: Shirley Cruickshank, Judy Marshall &  
Elaine MacDonald

**TODAY** - Circle of Friends meeting following service to discuss date for spring soup and dessert luncheon.

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

**Welcome back** to our organist, Lloyd MacLean, who has just returned from his trip of a lifetime to Australia. We can't wait to hear your stories!

**CAMP GEDDIE NEEDS HELP** - With the summer camping season fast approaching, there are many jobs to be completed to get the Camp ready. Can your Church provide a “**Volunteer Team**” of a few people to come to Camp to help (painting, small plumbing, etc.)? Tasks will be outlined and supplies will be provided, but please bring along any tools you think might be useful. For example, a team of men came from St. James Church, Truro, and did a great job of re-siding the Leader-In-Training Cabin. That was a huge boost for the Camp! If your Church can provide such much-needed help, please contact Chris MacDonald at 902-485-4011 or [g.macdonald@eastlink.ca](mailto:g.macdonald@eastlink.ca).

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pictou and their lay minister, Jacquie Ross.

**We express our love and sympathy** to Alvin Sinclair and Fanny Porter on the recent death of their sister, Edith Cavanaugh, earlier in the week.

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

**Camp Geddie** staff applications and job descriptions are available either on the website or on the bulletin board. They are looking for a program director, LIT Director, Assistant Program/Business, Fulltime staff and weekly staff.

## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

**Readings for April 29:** Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; Psalm 22: 25-31 and John 15: 1-8.

**May 1** - The AMS Auxiliaries in Bethel Church, Scotsburn, will hold their Spring Thank Offering in the church at 7:00 pm. Special guests will be Kristin Ross, the founder of the Himalayan School Project, her mother Janet Shivley, her daughter Mairanna Ross and friend Keeley Shipley.

**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.

**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*



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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 are sign-up sheets at the office entry and in the hallway going to the upper hall (bright neon green paper). 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!**