

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, April 29, 2018*

5th Sunday of Easter – Mission Awareness 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**           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:   Worship God,

**People: Who of old is the same and forever true.**

One:   Praise God,

**People: Who appears anew and always with justice.**

One:   Magnify God,

**People: Who alone is worthy of our soul's delight and our lives' allegiance.**

**\*\*HYMN       #376       Lord, the light of your love is shining**

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God, you have planted the true vine in our world and sustain living branches by the spirit. We confess that we do not always receive into our fellowship those you send to us. We are suspicious of those who seem different or whose sincerity we question. O God, you want your church to grow like a healthy vineyard, well pruned and producing fruits of the spirit. Forgive us if we, in pride, seek to take over your role as gardener, discontent to be but branches of your true vine, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Children's time

\*\*Hymn **#635** Brother, sister, let me serve you

Prayer (children go to class)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 22: 25-31

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

One: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Anthem Servants of the Saviour

*S. Dunstan/W. MacNutt*

Epistle Acts 8: 26-40 pg. 837

Epistle 1 John 4: 7-21 pg.929

Gospel                      John 15: 1-8                      pg. 824

Leader:                      The word of God for the people of God

**People:**                      **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn                      **#692**    Where charity and love prevail

Sermon    **Who wants to be pruned?**

## **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                      **#491**    God bless your church with strength

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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



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Carrying the Bible:                      Cathy Lewis

MacLean St. Ushers:                      Heidie & Bert Meyer

James St. Ushers:                      Claire & Ralph Foote

Office entry Usher:                      Murray Biggar

Scripture Reader:                      Norm McComb

Refreshments:                      Jane Williams, Louise Gillis & Sheila Dempster

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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).

**We express our love and sympathy** to Sonya (Scott) Thomsen on the death of her grandmother, Marguerite Hayne, Pictou Landing.

**FOUND** – after the potluck last Friday at the Tri-Lodge – a pair of green striped gloves. They are in the church office.

**We have received a donation** in loving memory of Pam (Smith) Flanagan from the family.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Trinity United Church and their minister, Rev. Donna Tourneur.

**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 May 6:** Acts 10: 34-43; 1 John 5: 1-6; Psalm 98 and John 15: 9-17.

**May 1** (Tuesday) – 7:00 Session meeting.

**May 4-5** - Jewellery and Scarf Sale. This sale will be held at the Pictou County Food Bank located at 410 Granville Street. The sale will be held on Friday, May 4th from 4 to 6 pm and Saturday, May 5th from 10am to 1pm. All proceeds go to the Pictou County Food Bank. Free Admission. A donation to the Food Bank is always appreciated.

**May 7** – C. Mair AMS at 2:00 pm at Shiretown in Pictou.

**May 8** - Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team meet at 7:00 pm.

**May 9** - Reid/MacKay AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm.

**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.

**May 16, 17** – Blood donor clinics at Summer St. Industries. Wed. from 12:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00 and Thurs. from 1:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00.

**May 25** - Soup & Dessert Luncheon in the lower hall from 11:30 – 1:00 catered by the Circle of Friends. \$8.00. We need **HELP** from the congregation. If you can provide a dessert, please call Marilyn Johnstone (922-2859) ASAP.

**May 31** - 7:00 pm at Trinity United Church. Mayday – Forum on Mental Health and Addiction Support in Pictou County.

## **June 15 - GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?**

**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.

Change can be scary,  
but you know what's scarier?  
Allowing Fear to stop you  
from Growing, Evolving  
and Progressing.

- Mandy Hale -

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**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*