

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 8, 2018

Second 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: Hear the good news of God's love – written in scripture,
embodied by Jesus Christ – and believe that Jesus is the
Messiah.

People: **Jesus Christ is the son of God, and through faith in him
we have life.**

****HYMN** **#371** Love divine, all loves excelling

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God, unlike those who were one
with Jesus in the early Church, we are not of one mind and one spirit.
We betray our claim to unity with you by our practice of divisions**

among ourselves. Forgive us, dear Lord, for this betrayal of those who come to us in search of bread for the journey. Hear our prayer in Christ's name. Amen.

Children's time

**Hymn #250 Lord of the Dance

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

One: on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forever more.

Anthem How Great Thou Art

C. Boberg

Verse 4: all join in: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art!; how great thou art!

Epistle Acts 4: 32-35 pg. 834

Epistle 1 John 1: 1-2:2 pg. 927

Gospel John 20: 19-31 pg. 829

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn #691 My shepherd is the King of love

Sermon Faith and Mission

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 #258 Thine be the glory

**Commissioning and Benediction

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



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Carrying the Bible: Cathy Lewis

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James St. Ushers: Ian Semple & Scott Grant

Office entry Usher: Philip Blackwood

Scripture Reader: Lynne Ann MacLellan

Refreshments: Robyn MacLeod & Evie MacLellan

*In Loving
Memory*

*Today's bulletin has been sponsored in
loving memory of Robert (Bob) Fraser
by Edna & family.*

TODAY – Nursing Home Service at 2:30 pm at Ivey's Terrace in Trenton.
All welcome to attend and lend their voice to the choir.

TODAY – (after church) The Pastoral Care Team meet in the Ladies
Parlour.

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 of Bethel Presbyterian Church and their minister the Rev. Lorne MacLeod.

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

Connection newspaper has arrived and is free to anyone who wants one. They are on the table by the choir room in the upper hall.

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

Readings for April 15: Acts: 3: 12-19; 1John 3: 1-7; Psalm 4 and Luke 24: 36-48.

April 9 – 7:00 pm – Search Committee meet.

April 10 – Finance, Maintenance & Stewardship team meeting at 7:00 in the Session Room.

April 11 – MacKay/Reid AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm.

April 12 – Shepherd’s Lunchroom is celebrating their 25th Anniversary from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Trinity United Church (MacLean St. entrance.)

April 13 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Soup/Chili & Dessert Supper at St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church New Glasgow. Please use George St. Entrance. Cost is \$8

April 14 - Spring Executive Meeting and Rally of the Atlantic Mission Society will take place in the Springville Hall. Finance meeting 12:30, Executive meeting 1:00pm and rally at 2:00. Guest speaker will be Debbie Stewart. Everyone is welcome at the rally.

April 14 - 8:00 - 10:30 am - Scotsburn United Church. Pancakes with local maple syrup, whipped cream and blueberry sauce, maple sausage, homemade baked beans, juice, tea and coffee – Gluten-free option available. \$8 per adult and \$4 per child, children under 5 yrs free! Local entertainment. All are welcome!

April 16 - 7:00 pm - Hannah & the boys concert at Union Presbyterian Church in Thorburn. Free will offering. Refreshments will be served.

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

April 21 – 11:00am – 1:00 pm – Steward’s Tea at Sharon St. John United Church in Stellarton.

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.



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 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!

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*