

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 13, 2018

7th Sunday of Easter – Christian Family 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** # 575 Lead me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face, for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me dwell in safety.

****NEW:**

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

*Please welcome those around you with “The Peace of Christ.”
As we “pass the peace,” we witness to being reconciled by God with one another.*

****Call to Worship**

One: We are one in the body of Christ.

People: We are all one family joined by God’s love.

One: Now we gather together in worship,

People: to sing, to pray, to share, and be friends of Jesus and one

another.

****HYMN #260** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **O God, in love you search for us. Relentlessly you reach out to us, inviting us to follow. Forgive us for those times that we chose to hear other voices and accept other invitations. Forgive us for the effort and time we have spent in following other paths. May we hear with a new spirit, "Come and follow me." Amen**

Children's time

****Hymn #373** Jesus loves me

Prayer (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 1

One: Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners, or sit among those who mock.

People: **But their delight is on the law of God, and on that law they meditate day and night.**

One: They are like trees planted beside streams of water, yielding their fruit in due season.

People: **Their leaves do not wither, and whatever they produce shall prosper.**

One: As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

People: **But they are like the chaff, driven away by the wind.**

One: Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand when judgement comes, no sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

People: **For God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Anthem Sing to the Lord with a Joyful Sound

J. Gallina

Epistle	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26	pg. 831
Epistle	1 John 5: 9-13	pg. 929
Gospel	John 17: 6-19	pg. 826

Leader: The word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

**Hymn #703 Happy the home when God is there

Sermon Filling the vacancy!

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Offering

**Offertory #798 (verse 4)
 This gift we now bring, this present, this token
 these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
 When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
 this song we now offer in honour and praise!

**Prayer of dedication

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn #275 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

**Commissioning and Benediction

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



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 James St. Ushers: Jean & Norm McComb
 Office entry Usher: Ian Semple

Scripture Reader: Berma Marshall
Refreshments: Edna Fraser & Clarice Campbell



Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of mother, Emma MacKenzie by daughter, Clarice Campbell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMP GEDDIE NEEDS HELP – Geddie is not hosting a single Clean Up Day this year. It is a busy time of year for everyone. So instead, we are hoping volunteers can come **whenever** it is convenient through the week during the upcoming months. Some of the tasks that need volunteers are: - painting interior of the Irwin Lodge; exterior painting; shrubbery work; lawn care and raking; brush clearing of walking paths (bring proper safety equipment); small carpentry jobs. Supplies will be provided. Please give a day or two of your time to make this Camping season successful, and a clean, safe space for our young people! Contact Chris MacDonald at 902-485-4011 (g.cmacdonald@eastlink.ca)

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Christian Fellowship Church and their minister, Rev. Bruce Morrison.

The newsletter will be going out around the first of June. If you have anything you would like included, please email the church office.



Celebrating Graduates of the Class of 2018. We ask your help in letting us know the names of this year's graduates from our church family. Please call or email the church office.

Happy Birthday to Jaxon MacIvor on May 17 and Keegan Young on May 22 from your church family.

We are once again collecting items for our Presbyterian Church Camp – **Camp Geddie**. Attached is a list of items needed, also see poster on the easel. They will be assembled on the stage in the upper hall and then delivered to the camp in June before it opens.

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

Readings for May 20: Pentecost – Healing and Reconciliation Sunday – Ezekial 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 22-27; Psalm 104: 24-34 and John 16: 4-15.

May 15 – 6:00 The Presbytery of Pictou will meet in the Middle River Presbyterian Church.

May 18 - Potluck luncheon at noon. This is free because it's potluck and everyone is asked to bring something that's ready to eat. It's 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 coordinated by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

May 19-20 - 115th Anniversary of Second Baptist Church – check poster on bulletin board for events on these two days.

May 22 – 7:00 pm – The Pastoral Care team meet in the church.



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 27 - The Dr. Caroline Carmichael and Sir Frederick Banting chapters of the IODE will join us for Founder's Day.

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).

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.

Passing the Peace: Good morning! Welcome to you on behalf of the Worship and Music Team! We have met several times over the last couple of months trying to figure out what this team is all about and how we can address the goals set out in our vision planning. The team felt led to start with #2, which is “to provide opportunities for the congregation to share in Sunday (worship) service.”

In the early church when followers of Christ were persecuted and killed for practicing their faith, the passing of the Peace assured them they were among fellow believers and brothers and sisters in Christ. That they were safe with one another and could hold on to each other in difficult times. It says we are reconciled to God through Jesus and by passing this peace on to others, it reminds us we are not alone.

Some may not be familiar with it, and it's OK if it feels strange or awkward at first! Passing the peace of Christ on to others and being reconciled with them through Christ and the work of the Cross, is a very beautiful thing to do and experience.