

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, May 20, 2018*

Pentecost – Healing and Reconciliation 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: May the glory of God endure forever, may God rejoice in all God's works.

**People: I will sing to God as long as I love, I will sing praise to my Redeemer while I have being.**

One: May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in God.

**People: Give thanks to God, O my soul! Let all people praise God!**

**\*\*HYMN #403** She comes sailing on the wind

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **Merciful God, we admit that we have not always confessed that we have done what is wrong. We do not always seek the truth to know and do what is right. Though we should declare our faults and failings out of sheer love and trust, we more often confess because of a threat of judgement. Forgive indifferent discipleship with too much drift and very little direction. Hear our prayer through the promised Spirit of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's time

**\*\*Hymn #385** Like the murmur of the dove's song

Prayer (children go to class)

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 104: 24-34

One: O God, how manifold are your works!

**People: With wisdom at your side you made them all, the earth is full of your creatures.**

One: There lies the great and mighty Sea, teeming with living things both great and small.

**People: Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan, the monster you made to play in it.**

One: All these look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**People: What you give them they gather up. When you open your hand, you fill them with good things.**

One: But when you hide your face they despair. When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

**People: But when you send out your spirit, they live again, and you renew the face of the earth.**

Anthem His Eye is on the Sparrow *(arr. Donald Moore)*

Old Testament Ezekiel 37: 1-14 pg. 664

Epistle Romans 8: 18-27 pg. 862

Gospel

John 16: 4-15

pg. 825

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn #384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

Sermon *Wordless Sighs & Aching Groans!*

## 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 #389 Breathe on me, breath of God

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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



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James St. Ushers: Jean & Norm McComb

Office entry Usher: Scott Grant

Scripture Reader: Sharon Mason

Refreshments: Barb & Murray Biggar, Marilyn MacLeod

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We express our **love and sympathy** to Rev. Greg Dickson and Melanie on the recent death of his brother, Gary in Wallaceburg, Ontario. May God gently comfort all who grieve and sustain them with a spirit of peace in faith.

**CAMP GEDDIE NEEDS HELP** – Contact Murray Biggar if you can help. 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!

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Pictou United Church and their minister Rev. Mary-Beth Moriarity.

**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.

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 in the upper hall. They will be assembled on the stage in the upper hall and then delivered to the camp in June before it opens.



The Worship and Music Team are interested to know if any congregation member has, or knows of, a medium size grand piano, in good condition, to donate to the church. Interested parties can forward their contact information to the church office and a member of the

Team will be in contact.

**Bikes for Kids** – are collecting used bicycles. Please call 902-755-1754 if you have an old bike to give away or can donate some time to repairing bikes.

**CAIRN** (Communities Assisting Refugees Now) is pleased to announce they will be receiving their third Syrian Refugee Family on May 31. There is a poster on the bulletin board. Donations being accepted.

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

**Readings for May 27:** Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17 and John 3: 1-17.

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

**May 24, June 7 and June 21** at 7:45 pm – Worship & Music Team meets in the Session Room.



**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.

**May 31** - *Grief Share* meetings will happen Thursday, May 31 & June 7-6:30pm at Christ Anglican Church Bridge Ave, Stellarton. There are losses in life that you might be experiencing, a job, a loved one, a pet, or have an empty nest. There are many types of grief and let this be a time of healing, sharing, and listening. Everyone is welcome and it is free of charge. For more information please call Loretta at 902-695-2531.

**June 9** -- The Pictou County Community Orchestra will be presenting its' Spring Concert at 3pm here in the Upper Hall. Special musical guests, the St. James Brass Quintet, will also perform. Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$25 per family and are available from either Brent or Lloyd and will also be available at the door.

**June 10** – Trinitarians concert – 7:30 pm at Trinity United Church - tickets are \$15, \$12 seniors and \$7 students and are available from Sharon Mason or anyone in Trinitarian choir.

**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.

**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*