

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, May 6, 2018*

6th Sunday of Easter – Ascension 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:** Sing to God a brand-new song. He's made a world of wonders.

**People: Shout your praises to God, everybody! Let loose and sing! Strike up the band.**

**One:** Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause, with everything on earth joining in.

**People: We will feature trumpets and big trombones, we will fill the air with praises to God.**

**\*\*HYMN #62**           New songs of celebration render (tune #551)

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **God without favorites, from every nation you accept the person who worships you and does what is right, but we often do what is unacceptable to you. Forgive us and grant us the spiritual healing offered in Jesus of Nazareth and the Holy Spirit.**

Children's time

\*\*Hymn #377 Come, children join to sing

Prayer (children go to class)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 98: 1- 6

One: Sing to God a new song,

**People: for God has done marvelous things.**

One: Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

**People: You have made know your salvation, and revealed before the nations your healing power.**

One: You have remembered your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel!

**People: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: break forth into joyous praise, sing psalms.**

One: Sing Psalms to God with the harp,

**People: with the harp and melodious voice.**

One: With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

**People: make a joyful noise before our sovereign God.**

Anthem Teach Me Your Way

*T. Shaw*

Epistle Acts 10: 34-43 pg. 840

Epistle 1 John 5: 1-6 pg. 929

Gospel John 15: 9-17 pg. 824

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

\*\*Hymn **#702** Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth (tune 330)

Sermon **Love with no boundaries**

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

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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



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Carrying the Bible: Larry MacLeod

MacLean St. Ushers: Norm & Jean McComb

James St. Ushers: Mark & Jennifer Thibeau

Office entry Usher: Ian Semple

Scripture Reader: Chet Fleming

Refreshments: Patrick, Melanie, Riley & Keegan Young

## 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)

**Happy 80+ Birthday** to Hendrika van Veld on May 19.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and their minister, Rev. Dr. Joon Ki Kim.

**I would like to thank** all those who helped to make the Music Festival a success this past week. To the church for the use of the hall, those who attended the door, put up the numbers, secretary, brought treats, organized classes, moved chairs etc. It was greatly appreciated.

~ *Emma Campbell – Hall coordinator*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Readings for May 13 Christian Family Sunday:** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13 and John 17: 6-19.

**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** - Greg Reid/Elsie MacKay AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm.

**May 11** - A day of making whimsical pillowcases for children in local hospitals – at Pictou United Church from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. To register call Kay at 902-485-4892. Poster on bulletin board for more info.

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

**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 18** - at noon - 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 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), or you can call 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.



**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*