

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 1, 2018

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

****Passing of the Peace:** One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

**** O Canada**

****Call to Worship**

One: We are called to be the church, to walk together Christ's own way,

People: God is our hope.

One: From our earliest beginnings, from our time in the desert,

People: God is our hope.

One: In our ancestors courage and vision,

People: God is our hope.

One: In a world in need of love and justice in a time of change and fear.

People: **God is our hope.**

**HYMN #467 Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison) **God of mercy, we have not always lived here the way you intend. We have not always cared for the land and the waters of our country, protecting their beauty and fruitfulness. We become greedy and our focus is too limited, our concerns too narrow, and we give little thought to what is sustainable. Forgive us for lack of stewardship and teach us to live in your way. We pray in Christ's name.**

**Hymn #203 When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths have I called to you. O God, hear my cry!

People: **Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy.**

One: If you should keep account of what is done amiss, O God, who could stand?

People: **But there is forgiveness with you, therefore we will honour you.**

One: I wait for you, God; my soul waits, and in your word is my hope.

People: **My soul waits for God more than the watchers long for the morning.**

One: O Israel, wait in hope, for with God there is love unfailing.

People: **With God is great power to redeem, to redeem you, Israel, from all your sins.**

Anthem Song of Peace

M. Donnelly/G.L.O. Strid

Old Testament Lamentations 1: 1-6; 3: 23-33 pg. 629

Epistle 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 pg. 906

Gospel Mark 5: 21-43 pg. 768

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

**Hymn #442 Speak, Lord, in the stillness

Sermon *Suffering and relying on the power of God!*

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 #338 Let all things now living

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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MacLean St. Ushers: Irene Kirk & Helen Crowell

James St. Ushers: Bella Smith & Susan Kennedy

Office: Philip Blackwood

Refreshments: Cake and lemonade being provided

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome members of the Kirk as they worship with us for the month of July. The offerings will be collected and given to the appropriate church, so you can still use your envelopes. **During July, Rev. Dr. Kenneth MacLeod will cover for pastoral emergencies.** He may be reached at (h) 902-259-2337 or (c) 902-331-1761.



We express our love and sympathy to the family of Peter Searle, who passed away last weekend. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday from H.W. Angus Funeral Home.

Happy 80+ Birthday to: Jean MacDonald – July 13, Muriel Skinner – July 16, Marion Johnstone – July 19 and Vivian MacDonald – July 26.

The Presbyterian newspaper, **Connection**, has arrived and is on the table for anyone who wants one. They are free.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Trenton Church of the Nazarene and their minister, Rev. Leon Teal.

The Rev. Lorne MacLeod, Minister of Little Harbour/Pictou Landing congregation has been appointed by the Pictou Presbytery as Interim Moderator of First Church as of July 1.

We have received a thank you note from Katie MacIntosh for the graduation gift and our continued support of her studies in the ministry. It's on the bulletin board if you would like to read it.

The following VBS are happening this summer. Grandparents with visiting grandchildren, here's an idea for a busy week.

1. First Church Stellarton is hosting a Vacation Bible School Monday August 6 - Thursday August 9. "Hero Central" Ages 5-12. Registration fee: \$2.00 or \$5.00 for family. We also ask for donations for the Food Bank each day (food or money).
2. First Presbyterian Hopewell is hosting a Vacation Bible School, Shipwrecked, July 23-July 27. No Registration fee. We collect for the Food Bank and offering will go to a Mission project.
3. Middle River Presbyterian is hosting a Vacation Bible School Shipwrecked August 6-August 10. No Registration fee. We collect for the Food Bank and offering will go to a Mission project.

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

Readings for July 8: 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 and Mark 6: 1-13.

July – Regular worship here at 11:00 am with members from St. Andrew's (Kirk) joining us.

July 8 – 2:30 pm - Nursing Home service at Glen Haven Manor. All welcome to come and add their voice to the choir.

July 11/12- Blood donor clinics at the Wellness Centre. Wed. 12-3 and 5-8pm and Thurs. 1-3 and 5-8pm.

August – Church closed with us joining the Kirk for worship there. The offerings will be collected and given to the appropriate church, so you can still use your envelopes.

August 20-23 - Sharon St. John United Church in Stellarton is hosting a Music Camp for people of all ages who are interested in learning fiddle, step dancing, chanter, guitar, woodwind or ukulele. There is more information on the bulletin board if you are interested.



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