

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 22, 2018

9th 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!

****Call to Worship**

One: Welcome to the celebration of life in Christ.

People: We come gladly to serve and follow Christ.

One: Seek with your eyes to find truth. Ask with your mind to probe alternatives, knock with your hands on the doors of need.

People: In so doing our worship will inform our living and will honour God.

****HYMN #528** Jesus calls us here to meet him

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison): **O God, you have shown us love and acceptance far beyond anything we had believed possible. Yet we have complained about our lot, as though your care for us is insufficient. Forgive our ingratitude, and lead by your Spirit to welcome and affirm all you have given us, confident that you are with us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn **#730 O for a world where everyone

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 15

One: God, who may be a guest in your house,

People: or who may dwell on your holy mountain?

One: One who leads a blameless life,

People: who does what is right, who speaks truthfully from the heart;

One: one who cannot respect the unworthy, but honours those who fear God;

People: Who stands by a promise given, though it be to personal disadvantage;

One: one who will not take interest on a loan, nor accept a bribe to testify against the innocent.

People: Whoever does this shall never be overthrown.

Anthem Come, Come Unto Me *Ken Dosso*

Old Testament Genesis 18: 1-15 pg. 12

Epistle Colossians 1: 24-28 pg. 897

Gospel Luke 10: 38-42 pg. 794

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn **#472 We are God's people

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 #479 The church's one foundation**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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



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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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 © 902-331-1761.



We express our love and sympathy to the family of the late George Durning, whose funeral was held here on Thursday followed by a reception hosted by the Circle of Friends. May God gently comfort all who grieve and sustain them with a spirit of peace in faith.

“We’ve been blessed in fullest measure, happiness a constant treasure. You filled our lives with endless song – the music will carry on.”

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 the Salvation Army in Westville and their clergy, Majors Wayne & Betty Ann Pike.

Thank you to Barb Biggar for filling in for me last week while I was on vacation. - *Sheila*

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.

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

July 29 - Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod's final service with us as our Interim Minister followed by a reception.

We will also be joined by Ralph & Dorothy's Holmes' three great-grandchildren and Natalie (Alcorn) & Thaddeus Morden's daughter as we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

July 31 - Session meeting at 7 pm in the Session Room. This is a very **important meeting**, so please try your best to attend.

July 31 - 7:30 pm at Trinity United Church – concert with Nicole Ross, Soprano, pianists, Karen Crowley, Jane Miller and Sandra Johnson. No admission charged. See poster on the bulletin board.

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. Sounds of Summer – during the regular morning services at the Kirk at 11:00 am. See poster on bulletin board for list of various performers. Refreshments will follow the service.



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