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Sunday, July 29, 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: The rush of the world is with us.

People: Time borders us in every minute.

One: Anxiety creeps into our best hours.

People: Soon we are overborne with care.

One: How, then, shall we approach our worship today?

People: We will begin quietly, pray silently and receive openly.

One: Such stillness is near to the heart of God; such discipline revives the Spirit. Come each of you and open yourselves to the majesty of God.

People: We open ourselves. Come, Holy Spirit.

****HYMN # 370** Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (**unison**): **Merciful God, forgive us for emotions that betray a lack of trust in you. We are impatient, preventing time from teaching us. We become anxious, keeping faith from strengthening us. We become insensitive, impeding love from deepening us. Grant us to trust you, O God, for we ask this in Christ's name. Amen**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Hymn **#516 A little child the Saviour came (verses 1-3)

Presentation of parents and children

Vows – parents and congregation

Prayer

Baptism

Hymn **#516 Oh give thine angels charge, (verses 4 & 5)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Psalm 42: 1-8

One: Like a deer that longs for life-giving waters, so longs my soul for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for you, the source of my life. When shall I come and behold your face?

One: Day and night I taste only tears, while they steadily belittle me, saying, "Where is your God?"

People: But I remember – though my soul is distressed – how I went with the crowds to the house of God, our voices joyful and filled with praise, a multitude keeping festival.

One: My soul is overwhelmed within me; therefore I remember you in this land of Jordan, in Hermon, and on Mount Mizar.

People: Like the turbulent roar of your waterfalls, all your waves and currents wash over me.

Anthem Wonder of Wonders

B. Wren/R. Klusmeier

Old Testament	1 Kings 6: 11-14, 8: 12-13, 27	pg. 252
Epistle	Acts 7: 44-50	pg. 836
Gospel	John 2: 13-22	pg. 811
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	

Hymn **#722 Lord whose love

Sermon *God's Dwelling Place*

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

Liturgy of Farewell (see back of bulletin)

Hymn **#410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

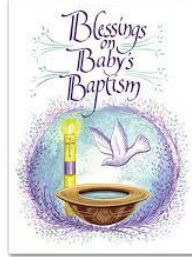
**Commissioning and Benediction

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



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Carrying the Bible: Keith MacDonald
MacLean St. Ushers: Jack Lewis & George Bellefontaine
James St. Ushers: Philip Blackwood & Scott Grant
Office: Ian Semple
Scripture Readers: Norman McComb
Refreshments: Reception hosted by Session



We receive into the Holy Catholic Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism today:

Lily Holmes-Cook, daughter of Allison (Holmes) and Kevin Cook
Haley Rae Holmes and
Brady Gerald Holmes – children of Phillip and Lisa Holmes
Willow Margaret Morden, daughter of Natalie (Alcorn) and
Thaddeus Morden

For the month of August – Church is 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 insert in today's bulletin or the poster on the bulletin board for list of various performers. Refreshments will follow the service.

God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer 

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Memorial donations have been received for George Durning from Phoebe Fraser, Sheila & Emerson Dempster and the Choir.

For the month of August, Rev. Joon Ki Kim will be covering for pastoral emergencies. He may be reached at **902-759-5964.**


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 St. Paul United Church and their minister, Rev. Dr. Mary Taylor.

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.

Our inventory of **prayer shawls** is getting low, so if anyone has time to knit/crochet one this summer, it would be much appreciated.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

Augustine 

LITANY OF FAREWELL

Moderator of Presbytery: A church family is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. Individuals come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage ... of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of departure with Ken MacLeod whose time as our Interim Minister ends July 31.

Interim Minister: Today I thank First Presbyterian Church for the love, the kindness, and the support shown to me and my family over these past two years. I ask for your understanding and forgiveness for mistakes I have made and expectations unmet. I am grateful to God that you accepted my leadership. With deep joy I recall the many things that we have been able to accomplish together in this time; and with sadness I also remember those things not accomplished. As I leave, I carry with me many good memories of experiences we have shared together.

First Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, and we offer our genuine forgiveness for any failures, and our heartfelt thanks for all accomplishments in our renewed vision and ministry. We express our gratitude for your time among us and ask for your forgiveness for our shortcomings... and sometimes our flagging faith. Your influence in our lives will not leave us, even though you depart from us as our Interim Minister.

Interim Minister: I forgive you for your failures and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together, and our parting, are pleasing to our forgiving God and to the Christ we are called to serve.

Moderator of Presbytery: Do you, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church, now release Ken MacLeod as Interim Minister?

First Congregation: We do, with God's help.

Moderator of Presbytery: Do you offer your encouragement and support to Ken MacLeod in the next steps of his journey?

First Congregation: We do, with God's help.

Moderator of Presbytery: Do you, Ken MacLeod, release First Presbyterian Church from turning to you and depending on you?

Interim Minister: I do, with God's help.

Moderator of Presbytery: Let us pray.

Prayer (unison): O God, whose everlasting love for us is trustworthy, help each of us to trust in the future which rests in your care. The time when we were together here in your name saw our laughter, our tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold close those cherished memories, but now move in new directions, until that time when we are completely one with you, and with each other. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

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*