

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

7th 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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

One: Come to worship with an honest acknowledgement of your weakness,

**People: and the power of Christ will come and rest upon us.**

**\*\*HYMN** #483 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison): **Almighty God, we confess to ambivalence in appropriating what we have received. We live by faith, but only so far, we maintain hope, but only to a point. We forgive if necessary and practice compassion when convenient. Called to discipleship, we are bound by our selfishness. Commissioned to speak the gospel we are barricaded by our narrowness. Comanded to love, we are surrounded by reluctance. Pardon, Lord, our pale performance; strengthen us to your will in faith and trust for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

\*\*Hymn            **#348**    Tell me the stories of Jesus

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading    Psalm 48: 1-10

One:    Great is God, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**People: Fair and lofty is God's holy mountain; it is the joy of all the earth.**

One:    On Mount Zion, in the far north, stands the city of the Great Ruler;

**People: in its citadels God is known as a sure defence.**

One:    See how the rulers assembled; they raged together against it.

**People: But when they saw it, they were astounded; they were dismayed and ready to flee.**

One:    Trembling came upon them, as anguish comes to a woman in childbirth;

**People: as when the east wind blows and breaks up the ships of Tarshish.**

One:    As we have heard, so have we seen,

**People: in the city of the God of hosts, the city our God upholds forever.**

One:    we remember your steadfast love, O God, as we gather in your temple.

**People: Your name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the**

## earth.

Anthem	Upon This Rock	<i>S. Albrecht/J. Althouse</i>
Old Testament	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10	pg. 202
Epistle	2 Corinthians 12: 2-10	pg. 885
Gospel	Mark 6: 1-13	pg. 768
Leader:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
**Hymn	<b>#332</b>	How great thou art
Sermon	Is Anybody Listening?	

## 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 **#761** Who's going to tell the story

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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

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MacLean St. Ushers: Ian Semple & Scott Grant  
James St. Ushers: Helen Crowell & Fran Savage  
Office: Philip Blackwood  
Refreshments: Russell MacIntosh & family

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

## 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 (c) 902-331-1761.

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 Sharon St. John United Church and their minister, Rev. Karen Ross.

**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

**Readings for July 15:** Amos 7: 7-15; Psalm 85: 8-13; Ephesians 1: 3-14 and Mark 6: 14-29.

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

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



**July 20** – Monthly potluck at noon. This is free because it's potluck and everyone will be bringing something that's ready to eat. It's meant to be 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 sponsored by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

**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.



**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*

