

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 2, 2018

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 in my name
I am there, I am there.

****Passing of the Peace:** One person: The peace of Christ be with you.
 Other person: And also with you!

****Call to Worship**

One: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

People: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

One: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

People: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

One: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

People: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. Amen.

****HYMN #375 Fairest Lord Jesus**

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (**unison**): **Hear us now as we confess to you our sin: We confess we have tried to live apart from you, we have ignored our own needs and the needs of others, we have harbored anger in ways that have caused pain and disruption, and we have said things that were not true and that were unkind. In your mercy, create in us clean hearts and restore us to right relationships with you and one another.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn **#710 What does the Lord require of you?

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Song of Songs Lectionary Reading

Anthem

Hymn **#682 Just as I am

Sermon *Dreamwork*

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Offering

Offertory **#425 We praise you, O God

**Prayer of dedication

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn **#332 O Lord my God! /How great thou art

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

Supply Minister:	Rev. Morley Shaw (h) 902-755-5505
Interim Moderator:	Rev. Lorne MacLeod (h) 902-695-2817
Organist:	Lloyd MacLean
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Carrying the Bible: Mark Thibeau
MacLean St. Ushers: Albert van de Pol & Theresa van de Pol
James St. Ushers: Jack & Cathy Lewis
Office: Ian Semple
Refreshments: Jean McComb, Lynn Simpson & Carol Pettipas

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On behalf of the congregation, Session is DELIGHTED to welcome Rev. Morley Shaw as our ½ time pulpit supply beginning this week! We can feel comforted and cared for as we take yet one more step along the journey to finding the right match in a new minister for First.

His term will run from September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. It will automatically be terminated, should we receive a new full time minister in the interim. The covenant is not signed yet but he has agreed to the terms of the covenant and so has Session. The signing of the covenant will take place on or before the 11th of September and will then be approved by the Ministry and Pastoral Oversight Committee of Presbytery and then will go on to Presbytery for final signature by the Clerk of Presbytery when they meet Sept 18th.

Rev. Shaw will lead in planning and conducting weekly Sunday morning worship, nursing homes services and the special services of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. He will carry out pastoral visitations for funerals, crisis care and hospital visitations as might be associated with pastoral ministry. He will officiate at weddings and funerals.

He will report regularly to the Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod, with updates regarding any matters pertaining to the health and ministry of First Church. ~ Sharon Mason, Clerk of Session

Memorial donations were received in August for George Durning from Ellen Jardine, Kevin & Margaret MacLeod, Gary & Jackie Ross and Justin Savage.

Memorial donations have been received for Ethel Porter from Blanche Steeves, Jean MacDonald, Sheila & Emerson Dempster and Phoebe Fraser.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pictou and their lay minister, Jacquie Ross.

If you're interested in becoming a PWS&D Champion for our congregation, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the upper hall.

Happy 80+ Birthday in September to: Eunice Wood, Sept. 7 and Helen MacLeod on Sept. 16.



Happy Birthday to the following children: Rachel Thomsen and Christian Matheson both on Sept. 26.

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

Sept. 4-13 - Y's Menettes Book Sale to be held at Bluenose Curling Club daily from 10:00 am – 7 pm. Sunday from noon – 5:00 pm.

Sept. 4, 5 & 6 – Blood Drives: Sept. 4 – Pictou Armouries 5-8pm; Sept 5 – Pictou Co. Wellness Centre, 12-3 & 5-8pm; Sept. 6 – 12-3 & 5-8 pm (Wellness Centre.)

Sept. 11 – Senior's Afternoon Tea at St. George's Anglican Church from 2:00-4:00. No charge.

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*