

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 16, 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.*

(** indicates standing, as you are able)

THE APPROACH

Organ Prelude

Entry of Choir and Minister

Welcome and Announcements

**Introit

****Please rise as the Bible enters the sanctuary**

Where two or three are gathered in my name

I am there, I am there.

(1x unison, 2x as a round, women starting)

**Call to Worship

One: Come to this sacred place to find God in reverence and awe.

People: We come ready to be inspired.

One: Come to this ordinary place to find God in everyday events.

People: We come ready to be surprised.

One: Come to this place of prayer to find God in each other.

People: We come ready to worship.

**HYMN # 333 I sing the mighty power of God

Prayer of Adoration (unison): **As we take some time out of our busy week to think about you, O God, help us to take comfort from the knowledge that you also think about us. You desire to live in**

relationship with us and to fill us with the knowledge of your love and care for us. Surround us with your love and peace, your joy, and inspire us with your vision for the world, so that all might receive your blessing through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (unison): **O God, we live our lives as best we can – dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** When our hearts are pure and when our lives reflect God’s goodness, we find peace. Let us share this peace with one another as we exchange signs of Christ’s presence in our lives.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #645** Follow me, the Master said (*children come forward during singing of last verse*)

Children’s time (children go to class)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19 pg. 413

The Letters: James 3: 1-12 pg. 920

The Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38 pg. 771

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem The clay-stained hands of love *Richard D. Leach*

Sermon **FRIENDLY WORDS**

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Hymn **#495 The heavens declare your glory, O Lord

The Offering

Offertory **#425 We praise you, O God (vs. 1)
 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

**Prayer of dedication

Hymn **#211 Take up your cross

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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James St. Ushers: Irene Kirk & Helen Crowell
Office: Chet Fleming
Scripture Reader: Chet Fleming
Refreshments: Isabel Henderson and Brenda Zinck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the congregation, Session is DELIGHTED to welcome Rev. Dr. Morley Shaw as our ½ time pulpit supply. 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.

An open note to congregation from Session: we acknowledge your concern about the difficulty we are having with the sound system; we assure you we are continuing to try and find solutions to improve the quality of sound and thank you for your feedback and patience!

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors who are joining us today and invite you to the upper hall (to your left) after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

A memorial donation has been received for Ethel Porter from Edna Fraser.



Wednesdays at 7pm is regular choir practice. Choir is welcoming any new singers, especially soprano and bass singers - all are welcome to join with us in “making a joyful noise!”

Presbyterian Church **Connection Newspaper** has arrived and is on the table in the upper hall. It is free – please take one.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Thorburn/Sutherland’s River Presbyterian Church.

If you **knit or crochet**, the Circle of Friends is restocking their supply of shawls for their prayer shawl ministry to people ill or in hospital. They can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you – we appreciate all donations!

Just a note from Norman McComb: I have been recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's, so please forgive me if I don't remember your name. A handshake would be nice or casual conversation. God Bless you for your sensitivity and understanding. Thank you!

We have received **2 thank you notes** from Rev. Ken and Marilyn, one to Hospitality Team and one to Session for the meal and gifts given to them when their ministry term was completed with us. They are on the bulletin board.

Viola's Place is excited to be moving forward in achieving its goal of reopening the former homeless shelter. We have set a tentative opening date of October 1, but we are hoping that this can be achieved before this time. When we open depends on how quickly we can organize volunteers and fill our volunteer schedule. We will also be conducting volunteer training on future dates. If anyone wishes to attend in the future they can contact us by leaving a message at our new phone number 902-752-0550 or violasplacesociety@gmail.com. Viola's Place is also in need of food items for the shelter. These can be non-perishable or items to be frozen at this time and can be dropped off to 189 Marsh Street NG or someone will be at Viola's Place Monday September 17 at 5:30pm. Many thanks! Karen MacPhee

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

Sept. 16 at 2 pm. The Loch Broom Log Church is holding a Gospel Concert. Everyone welcome - come enjoy listening to local artists. Bring your lawn chair if desired. Light lunch to follow.

Sept. 17 – 18th Wave New Horizons Band (an instrumental music program for Seniors) – instrument demonstration session from 4-5pm downstairs at Christ Anglican Church, 34 Bridge Ave., Stellarton. Cost is \$150 for 14 weeks. Information pamphlets on bulletin boards. Robyn Alcorn is the co-conductor.

Sept. 18 – Finance/Maintenance/Stewardship Team meet at 7:00 pm.

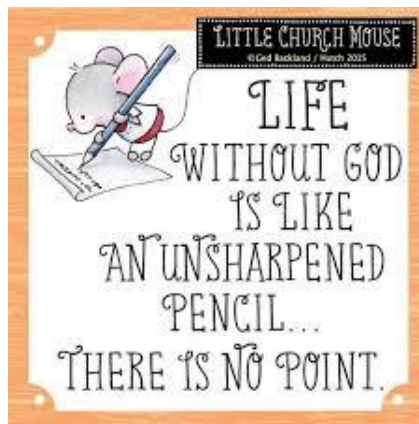


Sept. 21 - at noon we are starting up again after the summer. A **potluck luncheon** will be held monthly at noon in the lower hall. This is free because it's potluck and everyone will be bringing something that's ready to eat. It will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. It's meant to be a social 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 an endeavor by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

Sept. 23 – Nursing Home Service at Valley View Villa at 2:30 pm. All welcome to come and add their voice to the choir.

Sept. 28 – Big Band Sounds concert at Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$25.00. Poster on bulletin board.

Oct. 2 – **Deadline** for anyone attending Synod at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Sydney from Oct 15- 17th. Poster on bulletin board.



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*