

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 9, 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.

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

****Call to Worship**

One: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

People: **Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

One: Lord open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

People: **Lord, help us to work for you.**

One: Lord, make us ready to serve.

People: **Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love.**

One: Come and worship the God of faith and works.

People: **We will worship God with a living, loving faith. Amen**

****HYMN** **#86** Those who rely on the Lord

Prayer of Adoration (unison): O God, we come this morning seeking your presence. Fill us with the knowledge of your work within us and within the world. Help us to remember that you are with us no matter what, that you are our Savior, a very present help in times of trouble. May we claim our good name through our faith and deeds. May we be blessed for showing your love to the lonely, the last and the least. Amen

Prayer of Confession (unison): Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

****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 #560 Put peace into each other's hands (vs. 1,2,3,5)**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination (unison): Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is interpreted, we may hear what you are saying to the church today. Amen

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 125 pg. 472

The Letters: James 2: 1-10 pg. 919

Anthem

**Hymn #624 Blest are they

Sermon Dead Faith

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

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 #736 For the healing of the nations (tune #298)

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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James St. Ushers: Gary Baudoux & Colette Condon
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Refreshments: Robyn MacLeod & Evie MacLellan

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



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

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.

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY - We welcome the children back to Sunday School. Toddler to teens, all are welcome. Everyone is welcome to come to **214 Terrace Street, starting at 2PM this afternoon, for**

hotdogs, ice cream and games.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Trenton Church of the Nazarene and their pastor, Rev. Leon Teal.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has many different programs to fit any schedule, something for everyone! We have many children waiting for a Mentor. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more, please contact: bigbrothers@eastlink.ca www.bbbsofpc.ca or call 752-6260. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter

St. Andrew's and First in Pictou have become a two-point charge and are pleased to announce their new Minister is The Rev. Shelley Chandler.

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

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

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

Sept. 11 – Session Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sept. 12 – Elsie MacKay/Greg Reid AMS meeting at 2:00 pm.

Sept. 15 – 16 - Springville Presbyterian Church – 165 Anniversary Celebration. Sat. – community picnic starting at 2 pm. Sunday church service at Springville Presbyterian Church with special music.

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 – 3:30 pm - Fall Gospel Concert at Second Baptist Church. Free will offering with lunch to follow.



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*