

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, October 14, 2018

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*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

**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

Leader: God blesses us with gifts of love:

People: and with relationships that bring joy.

Leader: God blesses us with talents and callings:

People: and all we need for faithful living.

Leader: God protects us in time of danger:

People: and guards us from the time of trial.

Leader: God calls us into relationship:

People: and forms us into the Church of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

All: We will give thanks and worship God forever.

****Prayer of Adoration (unison) Giving, forgiving, and healing God, we gather in your light and beauty to worship and adore you. You are our strength when we cry out in weakness. You show us grace in solidarity with the sinner. You guide our paths when we lose sight of your purpose. Your love is powerful and holds us close even when we feel or run far from you. Be present with us by your holy spirit as we join together to worship you, O God, in Jesus name. Amen**

****HYMN # 293** Come, thou almighty king

Prayer of Confession (responsive):

Leader: Before you, nothing is hidden. You know us and our shortcomings, and so we come before you and confess:

All: Generous and loving God, we confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we have taken more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we are too often indifferent to despair. Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives for it is in Jesus name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance (unison): **Be at peace. Jesus, our High Priest, knows the weaknesses of the human heart. He has passed through the heavens on our behalf and from the throne of grace offers us mercy to help in times of need.**

****Passing of the Peace:** As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give one another signs of peace:

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #548** Let us break bread together *(children come forward during singing of last verse)*

Children's time (children go to class following story)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 22: 1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.^[b]

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.^[c]

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

¹⁵ My mouth^[d] is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Old Testament: Job 23: 1-9, 16-17 pg. 391

The Gospel: Mark 10: 17-31 pg. 773

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Here is Bread: Here is Wine *Graham Kendrick*

Sermon **THE RICH YOUNG RULER**

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 #209 O Love that wilt not let me go

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

** The Apostles' Creed #539

The institution of the Supper

One: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking of the bread and the raising of the cup

Communion

**Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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Congregational Life & Christian Education Team meeting will be held after church today with Rev. Lorne MacLeod.

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

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Little Harbour Presbyterian Church and their minister, Rev. Lorne MacLeod.

We have received a memorial donation for Ethel Porter from Geraldine Porter.

We have received a donation in thanksgiving for parents, Lolly & Gerald McLean, from son, Shaun.

Christmas Parade – If anyone is interested in helping create a float from First Church to enter in the Christmas Parade (Dec. 8 – 5:30 pm), please leave your name at the office and we'll put together a team.



We are contributing to **one day of attending the Salvation Army Kettles**. The date is Nov. 24 and it's from 10:00am to 8:00pm. If you're interested, please either call or email the church office. Depending on the number of people that volunteer for this, will depend on the time you have to do: if 10 people sign up, the shifts will either be one hour each or two people for 2 hours. If 5 people sign up, it will be a 2 hour shift. Please consider giving the gift of time. Our location is Superstore.

Oct. 20 - AMS Fall Rally is being held here from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Oct 20th 8am – 11am – The Men of St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow – will hold their Anniversary Pancake & Sausage Breakfast (with real Maple syrup!) and the Ladies of St Andrew’s will have a Bake Sale. \$7 per person - \$20 for a family of 4 or more.

Oct. 21 – No service here, as we join St. Andrew’s for their 199th Anniversary Service. They have Sunday School for all ages, so the children are welcome as well. Rev. Shaw is the guest speaker. They will come here for our Anniversary Service in April. You can still use your envelopes and they will be returned here.

The Pastoral Care Team will meet in the Ladies Parlour Sunday, October 14 following church service.

Oct. 27 - Men’s Breakfast. Will start around 8:00 am, but come earlier if you want to help cook or drink coffee!



October 28 - Worship will be held for a **4 week trial period** in the Fellowship (upper) Hall. Over the past number of years, our numbers have continually grown smaller. To have a few people spread out over an area capable of seating 700 people, creates a situation where there are simply too many disadvantages. A congregation sitting closer together in one area encourages stronger bonds in fellowship, energetic and more enthusiastic singing and an overall greater sense of church community togetherness. We all appreciate the beauty and serenity of this large facility and recognize the reluctance on the part of some church members, but we ask that you carefully consider the disadvantages and the future of this church. Session has approved this trial period.

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*