

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Reformation Sunday**

*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**

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: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

**People: From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

**People: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

Leader: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

**People: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. Amen**

**\*\*HYMN # 374 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

**\*\*Prayer of Adoration (unison) Gracious and loving God, we come with open hearts to see what you will do today. Help us recognize your presence when life takes twists and turns we do not expect or anticipate. Help us to turn to you when we are weak and unsure of ourselves. Help us to listen for your voice above all other voices. Most of all, help us to follow Christ, your Son, and our redeemer. May we walk in his footsteps, that we might be perfected in your unconditional love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen**

**Prayer of Confession (unison): Merciful God, we often turn away from you. We ignore what you say to us. We do not see your wondrous acts in this world. We listen to the grumbling voices around us rather than to your voice. We walk on crooked paths rather than in your ways. We forget how much you love us. We fail to heed your call to love one another. Forgive us God. Turn our lives toward the light of your love, that we might continually praise and magnify your holy name. In your mercy, we pray. Amen**

Words of Assurance

**\*\*Passing of the Peace:** Christ meets us here, just as we are. May we greet one another with the same love, compassion and peace.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Other person: And also with you!**

**\*Hymn #203** When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee  
*(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: The word of God is trustworthy and true. Listen for the word of God.

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 34: 1-8

<sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

<sup>2</sup> **I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

**<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

**<sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

**<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

The Letters: Hebrews 7:23-28 pg. 914

The Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52 pg. 774

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem Be Still and Know (Victor C. Johnson)

Sermon **TAKING BACK HALLOWEEN**

## **THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Leader: God of the church and God of the universe, on this Reformation Sunday, we thank you for the gift of the church. We thank you for this congregation and for the love and acceptance that we find here in your name.

**People: We pray for this congregation, for our minister, for our elders, and for all who serve you here. Grant that we might be the kind of faith community that you call us to be. Help us to look out, not in, and to serve others in your name.**

Leader: We thank you for those from whom we have learned of your love. We thank you for parents and grandparents, ministers and church school teachers, friends and neighbours, and for all who shared in passing the faith on to us.

**People: We pray for all of us in our calling to share the good news.**

**Grant that we might declare your love through our actions and our words. Help us to share the gospel in everything we do.**

Leader: We thank you for the congregations and ministries of our Presbytery. We thank you for the reminder that we are not alone but work together with others to fulfil your purpose.

**People: We pray for the congregations of our Presbytery, and for its clerk and moderator. Grant that we might find new ways to work with one another. Help us to find new ways to serve the communities in which we live.**

Leader: We thank you for the congregations and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We thank you for the national staff, and for our mission partners around the world.

**People: We pray for the denomination. Grant that your Spirit would speak in the meetings of our church courts. Help us always to strive to be the church that you want us to be.**

Leader: We thank you for the reformers of the church, past, present and future and express gratitude for their love of you and their service to your church.

**People: We pray that the work of reformation would continue. Grant that we will not become complacent or stuck in our ways and keep us open to the guidance of your Spirit.**

Leader: We thank you for the holy catholic church. We thank you for the great diversity of expressions of your love and grace that exist within our world.

**People: We pray for the church universal, and especially for Christians who are being persecuted. Grant that all might be free to live their faith.**

Leader: We thank you for the ways in which you have chosen to reveal yourself. We thank you for your Word and for the people by whom the scriptures were written, copied, preserved and translated.

**People: We pray for the shared work of interpretation. Grant that we might be guided by your Spirit. Help us to hear your voice speaking through Scripture.**

Leader: We thank you for your Word made flesh. Hear us now, as

we join our voices with those of the church around the world and across the ages and pray the words 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 #18** Through all the changing scenes of life

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 #353** Hail, our once-rejected Jesus

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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Refreshments: Teela Billington, Sharon Mason & Ella Russell

**TODAY** - 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.

**TODAY** - Nursing Home Service at High Crest Place (top of town) at 2:30 pm. All welcome to come and add their voice to the choir.

## **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 the Salvation Army in Westville and their pastors, Majors Wayne & Betty Ann Pike.



**We express our love and sympathy** to Shirley MacDonald and family on the death of husband, Ken. The funeral and reception were held last week at Angus Funeral Home with the Rev. Morley Shaw presiding and the Circle of Friends

catering the reception.

May God gently comfort all who grieve and sustain them  
with a spirit of peace in faith.

We have received a **memorial donation** for Ken MacDonald from Edna Fraser.

2019 Presbyterian Church in Canada **wall calendars** have arrived! The pictures are beautiful, with pictures of stained-glass windows from across Canada. They are available at the office during regular office hours for \$4.00 each.

We are contributing to our community by doing **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.

The Worship and Music Team are interested to know if any congregation member has, or knows of, a medium sized grand piano, in good condition, to donate to the church. Interested parties can forward their contact information to the church office and a member of the Team will be in contact.

**Pictou County Fuel Fund** is collecting funds for the upcoming heating season, to help the less fortunate who are struggling to keep warm during winter months. There are donation envelopes at each entryway if you would like to donate or you can mail a cheque to: Pictou County Fuel Fund, 74 Stellarton Rd., New Glasgow, NS B2H 1L8

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

**Oct. 28** - 3:00 pm - Gospel Concert - at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Westville. Free-will offering. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

**Nov. 3** - Turkey Supper & Sale at St. Paul United Church Westville. Sale 3:30 p.m. Supper 4:00 p.m. Adults & Take Outs \$13.00, Children Under 12 \$5.00

**Nov. 9 & 10** - Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale at Pictou United Church. Friday from 6:00-8:00pm and Saturday 10:00am- 4:00pm.

**Nov. 4** - 3:00 pm - First United Church, Trenton 128<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary service. Guest Speaker, Sacrament of Holy Communion, special music and fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome to attend.

**Nov. 5** - C. Mair AMS meet here at 2:00. There is a Bring and Buy Sale.

**Nov. 10** - St Andrews Church, Pictou will hold their annual Christmas tea and sale from 2:-4:00pm. Admission \$7:00.

**Nov. 14** - Elsie MacKay/Greg Reid AMS meet here at 2:00 pm.

**Nov.17-** Roast Beef Dinner plus Dessert Table, St. George's Anglican Church, 199 Temperance St. Adults: \$12.00, Children (Under 12) \$6.00. Eat-in or Take-out. Tickets: Church Office: 902 752 -4551, Gerry at 902 752-1297 or at the door.

**Nov. 19** - St. John the Baptist Catholic Women's League is holding their Christmas Tea and Sale from 7 - 9 p.m, taking place at the Church on the corner of St. John and High Streets. Admission \$5.00 and \$2.00 for children



**Friday, November 23** – 11:30 am– 1:00 pm - **CHRISTMAS SOUP & DESSERT LUNCHEON.** Your choice of soup and dessert with biscuits/rolls and tea/coffee. \$8.00 each. Bake table and Christmas Basket tickets available. We're counting on the congregation to supply the Bake Table.

**Nov. 24** - Ann Holton CD Release Concert – “A Merry Little Christmas” – at Sharon St. John United Church in Stellarton at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults/\$10 students and are available at the door.

**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*