

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Sunday, October 7, 2018*

*World Communion Sunday  
Canadian Thanksgiving 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 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: O God, we meet again in this familiar place, this strange,  
familiar place,

**People: haunted by millions of your faithful who have  
worshiped you through the centuries.**

Leader: Thankfully aware of other millions who are worshipping  
you today,

**People: this very day, this very hour, from Honolulu to Ho Chi  
Minh City, from Honduras to Hungary.**

Leader: Help us today to celebrate the tie that binds us to fellow  
Christians through the ages and throughout this planet,

**People: that our faith may be strengthened, our love  
empowered, and our witness given wings.**

**All: Through Jesus Christ, the great Head of the church.  
Amen**

\*\*Prayer of Adoration (unison): O Redeemer God, as we gather in  
worship on this Thanksgiving and World Communion Sunday, we ask  
that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your  
Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming  
of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you  
have given to each of us. Knit our heart together in worship and

**fellowship so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for reconciliation, peace, justice, and your redemption of the world. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

**\*\*HYMN # 428** We love your house, O God

Lord, have mercy/Kyrie #336 pronunciation: Key-ray-ee/eh-lay-ee-zon

Prayer of Confession (**responsive**):

Leader: In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

**All: Generous and loving God, we honestly 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.**

Words of Assurance (**unison**): **God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Saviour. We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!**

**\*\*Passing of the Peace:** As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give one another signs of peace: The peace of Christ be with you, always. And also with you.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

**\*Hymn #625** Seek ye first *(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 26

1 Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life;

I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

**<sup>2</sup> Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;**

**<sup>3</sup> for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love  
and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.**

**<sup>4</sup> I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.**

**<sup>5</sup> I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.**

**<sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,**

**<sup>7</sup> proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.**

**<sup>8</sup> LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory  
dwells.**

**<sup>9</sup> Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who  
are bloodthirsty,**

**<sup>10</sup> in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of  
bribes.**

**<sup>11</sup> I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me.**

**<sup>12</sup> My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise  
the LORD.**

Old Testament: Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10 pg. 377

Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12 pg. 910

The Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16 pg. 773

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart *H. Smith/K.Barker*

Sermon A BRIEF HISTORY OF COMMUNICATION

## 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 #87** When God restored our common 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 #650** He leadeth me

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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Refreshments: Edna Fraser & Clarice Campbell

We welcome Shaun McLean as our soloist this morning. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us!

**THANK YOU** to all who brought edible decorations today. Please enjoy them as part of the decorations for today and then they will be donated to the Pictou County Food Bank.

**Today** is World Communion Sunday - Most of us have heard about World Communion Sunday but may not know much about where the celebration originated. According to the website of the National Council of Churches, World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor of the NCC) in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity. World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meeting house or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith. Rev. Lorne MacLeod will be with us next Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, while Dr. Shaw will be taking his services in Little Harbour and Pictou Landing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church in Westville, and their pastor Allen King.

**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.



our Guest Speaker. We are also pleased to have "The Old Time Pictou Co. Fiddlers". Social hour to follow. Everyone welcome!!

**Oct. 14** - Sacrament of Holy Communion with our Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod, presiding.

**Oct. 19** - Monthly **potluck luncheon** will be held at noon in the lower hall. This is free because it's potluck and everyone is asked to bring something that's ready to eat. 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.

**Oct. 19** - Worship & Music Team meet here at 6:00 pm.

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

**Oct. 21** – **No service here**, as we join St. Andrew's for their 199<sup>th</sup> 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.

thankful  
grateful  
blessed

**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*