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Sunday, December 2, 2018

1st Sunday in Advent



*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**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called
Emmanuel.

Lighting of the Candle of Hope:

Reader: As we light our advent candle

People: **We thank you for the hope you give.**

Reader: As we prepare for Christmas time
People: Light of the world, shine on us.
Reader: In this world of pain and darkness,
People: Bring hope to our hearts.
Reader: To all the people who don't know you,
People: Light of the world, shine through us.
Reader: Jesus you are coming again,
People: Help us to live in the hope you bring.
Reader: In our service here today,
People: Light of the world, light the way.

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Come in hope this day. Come to worship our God, source of our deepest desires. Let the light dance and anticipation stir. It is Advent, the season of waiting and longing for Christ's first and final arrival.

People: Now is the time to worship with hope!

****HYMN #124 People in darkness**

Prayer of Adoration **(unison)** **Christ Jesus, come to us now. Enter our hearts and our lives once more, that we may pay heed to the signs all around us. Awaken us to the reality that time is precious. Make your ways known to us, and lead us in your truth. Stir your love in our hearts, that your church may be strengthened as we worship and work in your world. In your loving name, we pray. Amen**

Change my heart, O God" (*Eddie Espinoza*): Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Prayer of Confession **(unison)** **Lord, on this first Sunday of Advent, we come looking for hope. Forgive us when we forget who we are. Forgive us when we forget you, and forgive us when we let other people destroy our joy. Renew a right spirit within us, and make us people of unquenchable hope. In Christ's name and spirit we pray.**

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** Anticipating the blessings of the one who is coming, let us offer one another signs of Christ's peace.

One person: The peace of Christ with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #112** Prepare the way of the Lord *(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 **(unison)** **God, we come this morning in anticipation and hope, waiting for your Word to come alive in our hearts, bringing your message of peace and goodwill to all. Amen**

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 25: 1-10

1 In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

2 I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3 No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

4 Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

6 Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 pg. 609
The Letters: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 pg. 900
The Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36 pg.805

Leader: The word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem Long ago, prophets knew
FP Green/Piae Cantiones, harm. G. Holst

Sermon **God's Emoji** 😊 😐 😞 😱

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: Now we pray together with your people of all time and places in the words that Jesus taught:

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 #786 O day of God, draw nigh (tune 481)

The Offering

**Offertory #145 In the bleak mid-winter (vs. 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

**Prayer of dedication

**Hymn #120 Lo, Christ comes with clouds descending

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Sending Forth #793 Amen, amen, amen.

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

DEADLINES FOR THE OFFICE: Any announcement for the weekly newspaper ad has to be submitted on the Friday before the Thursday edition. Any bulletin announcements should be in as early in the week as possible. Bulletin is printed at 9:00 am on Thursday morning, in order to be ready for Ellen to fold on Friday.

The total raised from the Soup & Dessert Luncheon last week (after expenses) was \$1,970.25. Thank you one and all! - *Circle of Friends*



Christmas Memory Tree inserts (they are yellow) will be in each week's bulletin from now until December 13. If you would like to donate a ball or balls, simply fill out the form and put it, along with the money in the collection plate. The Christmas Eve bulletin will contain the names of the donors and the people that have been remembered. There will not be any amounts used.

A donation has been received for Marion MacKinnon from the Circle of Friends.

We express our love and sympathy to Brenda & John Zinck and Isabel and Jim Henderson on the death of Brenda & Isabel's mother, Marion MacKinnon. The funeral was held on yesterday from St. David's Presbyterian Church in Toney River.

We also express our love and sympathy to Wayne & Marie Withers on the recent death of Wayne's sister, Norma (Withers) Simpson. May God gently comfort all who grieve and sustain them with a spirit of peace in faith.

2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the Upper Hall. The weekly and monthly ones are there. They are filed alphabetically with the Mac's and Mc's filed together. If you don't presently get envelopes and would like to, please contact the office.

Happy 80+ Birthday to Ray Webster on Dec. 23.

Happy 50+ Anniversary to Ralph & Claire Foote on Dec. 27.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Second Baptist Church and their minister, Rev. Dr. Moses Adekola.

Viola's Place Society would like to inform people that "Coats for Kids" will now be run out of a space in their shelter at 189 Marsh St. They have coats and scarfs, mitts, socks for adult men and women. If anyone is in need they can call the shelter 752-0550 and leave a message, email: violasplacesociety@gmail.com. Donations accepted.

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.

There is a survey in the bulletin this week regarding worship that was held in the Upper Hall. Please take the time to fill it out and put it in the collection plate. YOUR OPINION COUNTS. Thank you!

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

Dec 2 – 4 pm Communities Assisting Refugees Now is welcoming a new Syrian family, at Pictou United Church Hall. Info on bulletin board.

Dec. 3 - C. Mair AMS meeting here at 2 pm.

Dec. 4 - 7:00 pm - Finance/Maintenance/Stewardship Committee to meet briefly with Session to work on the Financial Call Sheet.

Dec. 9 - Sacrament of Holy Communion with our Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod.

Dec. 9 - 3 pm - Fly Little White Dove – songs of peace for advent. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church featuring their choir, our choir and various performers. Freewill offering

Dec. 9 – 7pm Candlelight service at St. Johns Presbyterian Church on McLennans Mountain.

Dec. 12 - Greg Reid AMS meeting here at 2 pm.



Dec. 16 - **Sunday School Christmas performance** following the service. There will be a **potluck** downstairs after with **cookie decorating** for the children.

A-J - please bring sweets (cookies, squares, tarts)

K-Z - please bring casseroles or cold meats.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm



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