

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 18, 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

**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: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

**People: Those He redeemed from trouble and gathered in from
the lands.**

Leader: From the east and from the west.

People: From the north and from the south.

Leader: Let us all join together as we lift our voices to praise God.

**HYMN #730 O for a world where everyone

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

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

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** As you greet one another, may the love of God be with you. May the peace of Christ bless you. May the power of the Holy Spirit equip and inspire you.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #674** In the bulb there is a flower

(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 98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 65: 5-19 pg. 574

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 pg. 902

The Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19 pg. 804

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Lead me, guide me (Doris M. Akers)
choir and solo verse by Berma Marshall

Sermon "Signs of the Times"

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: And now we pray in the words
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 #671 I heard the voice of Jesus say

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 #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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Carrying the Bible: Phoebe Fraser
MacLean St. Ushers: Larry Ingham & George Bellefontaine
James St. Ushers: Roger MacDonald & Philip Blackwood
Office: Murray Biggar
Scripture Reader: Norm McComb
Refreshments: Sara Fullerton, Brent MacQuarrie & Session

We welcome Rev. Lorne MacLeod, our Interim Moderator and Rev. Andrew MacDonald this morning, as Rev. Andrew preaches for The Call. Everyone is strongly urged to remain after the service for refreshments and a congregational meeting where we will vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to Joy Shaw for filling in while our organist, Lloyd, is away this week.



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.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Lady of Perpetual Help in Pictou Landing and their pastor, Rev. Tom MacNeil.

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.

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.

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

Friday, November 23 – 11:30 am– 1:00 pm **CHRISTMAS SOUP & DESSERT LUNCHEON.** Your choice of soup (some gluten free options) 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. 23 - The Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary Craft Group will be holding a sale of hand crafted items for all seasons, from 9 am to 4 pm in the main lobby of the Aberdeen Hospital. Featured are many knitted items, Christmas crafts & decorations, tablecloths, runners & placemats, baby and children items, handmade baby quilts, and much more.

Nov. 23/24 - Nativity Display - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. each evening at St. Luke's United Church, Salt Springs (2215 West River Station Road just off Highway #4). Come and see our sanctuary completely transformed into a remarkable display of Nativity Sets. There is no charge for admission, but a freewill offering will be accepted with all donations going to the The Himalayan School Project in Nepal.

Dec. 1 - 4 pm - the Pictou County Community Orchestra will be holding its Annual Holiday Concert in the Upper Hall. A selection of light classical and holiday music will be offered. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the door, or from PCCO members Lloyd MacLean and Brent MacQuarrie.

Dec. 1 – 12:00 – 2:00 pm- St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 37 Mountain Rd., New Glasgow - the Kirk Guild will be having a Christmas Tea. Cost is \$8.

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

BIOGRAPHY

Rev. Andrew MacDonald was born in New Glasgow and was raised in Lorne. He attended Stellarton High School graduating in 1996. Following graduating High School, Rev. MacDonald attended St Francis Xavier University for two years before deciding on a career change. He found employment at Sobeys Inc, Michelin Tire, as well as Hydraulic Mechanical work before returning to university. In 2002 Rev. MacDonald enrolled at St Francis Xavier University graduating in 2006 with a Joint BA in History and Religious Studies. It was during his studies at St F. X. that Rev. MacDonald discerned a calling to Ordained Ministry and was put forward as a Candidate for Ministry by the Presbytery of Pictou. Upon completion of his Undergraduate degree, Rev MacDonald was accepted at McGill University in Montreal and the Presbyterian College; graduating with a Bachelor of Theology in 2010 and receiving a Master of Divinity in 2011. It was during his studies at McGill and Presbyterian College that Rev. Andrew started his relationship with Lori Caughey and they were engaged in December of 2009. During the summer of 2011 Rev. MacDonald was Called to the Pastoral Charge of Little Narrows and Whycocomagh in July. Ordained on July 10th, Inducted on July 17th, and Married on August 6th. Rev. Andrew and Lori have been married for 7 years and are the proud parents of Natalie Bell (4.5 years old) and Bridget Elizabeth (16 months).