

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday

27th Sunday after Pentecost



*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)

killed in action in 1943 in Italy. (please be seated)

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us worship the King of kings and Lord of lords.

People: **With God's great love in our hearts, we find our
welcome in this place of worship.**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

People: We come to celebrate the goodness of God.

Leader: Look around you. Smile at each other, for we all have need of friendship and welcome.

People: God has blessed us with God's great love.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. Amen

****HYMN #607** Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Prayer of Adoration **(unison)** **With thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our grandest hope: that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world do not have the last word. You are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come – a ruler of a different kind. Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, we pray. Amen**

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

Prayer of Confession **(unison)** **Almighty God, you desire that your Son, our Saviour, have first place in everything in our lives. Yet, we so easily relegate him to a lesser place, choosing to live for ourselves and apart from you. Often we seek your assistance and strength only when we face trouble. Forgive us and free us from our selfishness. Open our hearts to Christ's reign over all things, for in his name we pray.**

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who was, and who is to come. Grace and peace to you from the One who shines in our lives, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning. Shining with God's joy, let us share signs of the peace of Christ, our Lord and King.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

*Hymn #699 All the way my Saviour leads me
(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 132:1-12

The Letters: Revelation 1: 4b-8 pg. 933

The Gospel: John 18: 33-37 pg. 827

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem *A. Henderson/P. Amidon/M. Zimmerman*

Sermon **The Unchanging Christ**

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: And 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 #275 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

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 #274 Crown him with many crowns

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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James St. Ushers: George Bellefontaine & Larry Ingham
Office: Chet Fleming
Scripture Reader: Sara Fullerton
Refreshments: Russell MacIntosh family

**The result of last week's voting was an unanimous "yes."
More paperwork needs to be done to finalize membership
call sheets and the financial call sheet and then all will be
presented to Rev. MacDonald and Presbytery for approval.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



... to the **members of the congregation** who donated their time for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign on Saturday.

Also to **those who contributed in any way** to the Soup & Dessert Luncheon that was held on Friday. Whether you

cooked, baked, served, helped clean up or showed up to enjoy the meal, we appreciate it all! Also to **Gary & Jackie Ross** for taking their time to remove 8 years of wax off the candle holders that we use on Christmas Eve. It's a tedious, time-consuming task and we appreciate all your hard work!



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.

We express our love and sympathy to Melanie & Patrick Young, Riley & Keagan on the recent death of Melanie's father, Milford C. Clory of PEI. 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.

A memorial donation has been made for Marilyn MacLeod by her sisters, Sheila MacMillan, Isabel Bonaparte, Beverley Chennell and families.

The flowers that were placed in the sanctuary last week, are in loving memory of David Henderson of Halifax, by his sister, Janice Henderson and family of Bedford. He was 74 and died after a brief and stoic battle with cancer. He attended here in the 1960's.

Following the Pictou County Council of Churches prayer roster, we are asked to pray for the congregation of Sharon St. John United Church in Stellarton and their minister, Rev. Karen Ross.

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.

Christmas Puddings by the First United Church Men's Club will be available again this year in December. The cost of the puddings are \$10.00 each. If you wish to order a pudding or puddings just call Len Eaton at 902-752-1154.

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

Nov. 29 - 6:00 pm We are decorating the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. We need all the help we can get, as it's a large space.

Dec. 1 - Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am.

Dec. 1 - 3pm - 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. 4 - 7:00 pm - Finance/Maintenance/Stewardship Committee to meet briefly with Session to work on the Financial Call Sheet.



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