

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 4, 2018

All Saints Sunday – 24th 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)

**Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

Leader: For God has done wonderful things for us.

People: God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: Let us sing songs of great joy to God. Amen

**HYMN # 12 Lift up the gates eternal

****Prayer of Adoration (unison) Lord, we gather here this day in praise
and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us.**

Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen

(please be seated)

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

Prayer of Confession (**unison**) **How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** Sisters and brothers, God is here to bring us blessing upon blessing. Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the saints of God, as we share signs of peace in Christ's name.

One person: The peace of Christ be with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #570** I have decided to follow Jesus

(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 146: 1-10

¹ Praise the LORD.¹ Praise the LORD, my soul.

² **I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

⁷He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

First Reading:	Ruth 1: 1-18	pg.196
The Letters:	Hebrews 9: 11-14	pg. 914
The Gospel:	Mark 12: 28-34	pg. 776

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem Wherever You May Go (David Kai)

Sermon **LINES THAT SHAPE OUR LIVES**

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 #389** Breathe on me, breath of God

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 #371** Love divine, all loves excelling

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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Refreshments: Phoebe Fraser & Marilyn Johnstone



Now until Nov. 18 - 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. This change will be an experiment to show the benefits of worshipping and singing together in a closer seating arrangement, which we will hopefully continue to do when we return to the sanctuary

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 congregations of Saltsprings, Scotsburn, Lyons Brook Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Jim Webber-Cook.

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.

ONE MORE PERSON NEEDED: We are contributing to our community by doing one day of attending the Salvation Army Kettles. The date is Nov. 24 and the last time slot to fill is from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. If you're interested, please either call or email the church office. Our location is Superstore.



NEEDED: The Pictou County Food Bank is in desperate need of plastic grocery bags, so if you have any, would you please bring them in.

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

Nov. 4 - 7:00 pm First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton, 93rd Anniversary Song Service, featuring Chris Jackson, Amanda MacIntosh, Jim Wasson (tuba), Ray Stewart and Sam Graham. Fellowship and refreshments to follow in Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

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

Nov. 10 – 4-6 pm - Merigomish United Church, 1587 Shore Road. The UCW will be providing a Pot Luck Supper. Adults \$10.00 Children under 12 \$5.00. Pantry table with goods for sale available.

Nov. 11 - Please join us for our Service of Remembrance here at 11:00 am.



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

Nov. 24 - 7:00 pm - Hannah & The Boys concert at Union Presbyterian Church, Thorburn. Free will offering.

Nov. 24 - Christmas Coffee/Tea party - 10am -12 noon at Sharon St. John Church hall, Stellarton. Coffee, tea, hot apple cider or hot chocolate, along with muffins, cinnamon rolls, coffee cake and much more. There will be a bake table Christmas items, book sale and Christmas basket raffle too. Admission \$6.00, Children under 12-\$2

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.



Friday, November 23 – 11:30 am– 1:00 pm
CHRISTMAS SOUP & DESSERT LUNCHEON

here. 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.



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*