

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 13, 2019



Baptism of the Lord 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.*

*Worship begins with the music of the prelude.
Please silence all electronic devices*

(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** #727 (vs. 1, 6)

Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;
let there be light; open our hearts to wonder, perish
the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Our God is a God of power and strength!

People: God has created each of us with tender care.

Leader: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

People: God walks with each of us every step of the way.

Leader: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

People: God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

Leader: Our God calls us each by name.

People: God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

****HYMN #180** How brightly beams the morning star

Prayer of Praise and Adoration **(unison)** **Gracious God, we rejoice in your presence on this holy day. Reveal your presence to us in word, in fellowship, and worship. Speak words of life, that we may sense your Spirit breathing new life into us each and every day. Speak your words of love, that we may rest in the knowledge that we are your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen**

Kyrie (*Strathdee*): Lord have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession **(unison)** **Holy God, we know that you are not well pleased with your adopted children when we sin. We prayerfully confess to you the times we should have loved and didn't and the times we acted not out of love, but out of selfishness. Stir up your**

Spirit within us, assure us of your forgiveness, and strengthen us to do your will, so that all we do in Jesus' name is pleasing to you. Amen (Silent confession....)

Words of Assurance Don't fear – God is with us. Christ has redeemed us and claims us as God's own – children named and honored with compassion and love. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

****Passing of the Peace:** As beloved children, as one family of God, let us share signs of belonging and love with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

One person: The peace of Christ with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #176** Songs of thankfulness *(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) **From the east, God has called us here. From the west, God has gathered us together. From the north, we have been reclaimed. From the south, we have been renewed. We gather now as one community of beloved children to listen for the word of God.**

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his^[a] holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

8 The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

First Reading:	Isaiah 43: 1-7	pg. 555
Second Reading:	Acts 8: 14-17	pg. 837
The Gospel:	Luke 3: 15-17,21-22	pg. 784

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem

Sermon *God Didn't Say That!*

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: We ask all this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, especially in times of greatest need, this family prayer:

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 **#161 What child is this?

The Offering

Offertory **#798 What gift can we bring (vs. 4)

What gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honour and praise!

****Prayer of dedication**

****Hymn #712 Arise, your light is come**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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Refreshments:	Shirley Cruickshank, Judy Marshall & Elaine MacDonald

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

We welcome Nicole Green this morning, as she fills in on the organ while Lloyd is away. Thank you, Nicole for being with us!

Tax receipts are available at the back of the sanctuary for a few minutes before and after the service today and again next week. They can also be picked up at the office during regular weekly hours. If you want a breakdown for the year to reconcile with your own records, please

contact the office. To save paper, only the receipt itself was printed, but it's not a problem if you need to see the entire year's givings.

PASSING THE PEACE: Perhaps you have wondered why we "Pass the Peace of Christ" during Sunday worship in church. *"Passing the Peace"* is an ancient tradition going back to the early church, whereby brothers and sisters in Christ share a hug or handshake, or a *"holy kiss,"* as a sign of our love. Often the embrace is accompanied by a wish for the *"peace of Christ"* to be with another. (This is often said out loud as hugs or handshakes are exchanged.) It is also a sign that we have reconciled wrongs with one another and with anyone who might be holding something against us.

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS: Please get your year end reports in to the office as soon as you can. You can submit them by email if it's easier. Tentative date for annual meeting is **February 24** and the reports need to be printed by February 3.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the case of stormy weather, it is the minister and Session who decide whether or not to cancel church. It will be put on the radio as a cancellation and we will put it on the church voice mail, as early in the morning as we can. Please check these sources if you're not sure.

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

Jan 14 – 19th Wave Glasgow, New Horizons (Seniors) Band at 4:00 pm located at Christ Anglican Church (downstairs), 34 Bridge Ave, Stellarton. For info contact Paul Barrett at 902-986-8444. Information poster and pamphlets on bulletin board.

Jan 15 –Pictou Presbytery will meet at First Church in Stellarton. At 11:00 am, our Search and Call papers for Rev. Andrew MacDonald will be presented. We have an elder plus our 2 Representative Elders attending, but it is open to any member who would like to attend.

Jan. 16 -17 - - New Glasgow Blood Donor Clinics to be held at Summer Street Industries, New Glasgow on Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 12-3pm and 5-8pm. Also on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 12-3pm and 5 to 8pm.

Jan. 18 - 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.

Jan. 20 – Mar. 31- Worship services will be held in the Upper Hall. THANK YOU to the congregation; your input was wonderful and the survey results helped the Worship & Music Team, and subsequently Session make the decision to move worship for the winter months.

Jan. 27 – 2 pm - Stadacona Band of the RCN at the de Coste Centre in Pictou. Tickets \$22/\$18.50.



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