

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 27, 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

*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: What a beautiful thing to be called to worship! What a gift to come together in praise! We are different people with different lives and different stories. But in Christ, we are one.

People: **So, as one, we come and worship our God. As one, we set aside our differences, and focus on our shared identity in Christ. Let us come together in worship. Let**

**us come together in praise. Let us come together
because we are one in him.**

Leader: Join now in worship.

****HYMN #481** Blest be the tie that binds

Prayer of Adoration **(unison)** **O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen**

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

Prayer of Confession **(unison)** **Jesus, we want to live like you. We cannot do that on our own. We need your mercy and grace day after day after day. We confess our weakness; we continually give in to temptation. But rather than throw up our hands in failure, we choose to admit our constant need for you. Demonstrate your power through our weakness. You have defeated our sin by your death on the cross. Let us live in the truth of who we are in you, not who we were before. Make us holy; make us like you. Amen**

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** Rejoicing in God's many gifts, let us greet one another with signs of peace.

(On account of the flu season, a gentle elbow, or a nod, will be sufficient)

One person: The peace of Christ with you.

Other person: And also with you!

***Hymn #385** Like the murmur of the dove's song *(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) **Loving and powerful God: open our eyes this day; open our hearts; prepare us to receive your blessing through your word and to be a blessing to others. Amen**

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10 pg. 364

The Letters: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a pg. 875

The Gospel: Luke 4: 14-21 pg. 785

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Be Still and Know

(arr. Victor C. Johnson)

Sermon DIFFERENT PARTS, SAME DNA

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 #480** In Christ there is no east or west

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 #374** Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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Scripture Reader: Sharon Mason
Refreshments: Patrick, Melanie, Riley & Keegan Young



*Today's bulletin is sponsored
in loving memory of Kay Jardine
by Gord & Janet Hardy and
Ellen Jardine*

TODAY - Nursing Home Service at 2:30 at High Crest Home, Forbes St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From now until – Mar. 31- Worship services will be held in the Upper Hall.

Tax receipts are available at the office during regular weekly hours.

UPDATE: At a meeting of Pictou Presbytery in Stellarton last week, the call to Rev Andrew MacDonald was considered and approved. The approval process now moves to Cape Breton for their review and consideration.

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.

There is a family in need in the Pictou area that needs to find immediate accommodations. They have been left homeless and are having great difficulties finding anywhere to rent or stay, for their family of 5 and three pets. You can contact the Salvation Army at 695-3298.

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

Jan. 29 - Finance, Stewardship & Maintenance Team meet at 6 pm.



Feb. 2 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 am.

Feb. 4 - 2 pm Catherine Mair meeting here.

Feb. 5 – 7pm Session meeting.

Feb. 9 - North End Rec Centre pancake breakfast from 8:00 -11:00 am.
\$5.00.

Feb. 9 - St George's Anglican, Valentine's Tea, 199 Temperance Street,
(please use side entrance), Time: 2-4 pm Cost: \$6.00

Feb. 23 - Coldest Night of the Year 2019 will be taking place on in support of Pictou County Roots for Youth. Please consider registering a team, joining a team, volunteering, or donating financially to support Roots' work among homeless youth in Pictou County. For more info visit www.cnoy.org or call Stacey Dlamini at (902) 695 3241.

The ultimate measure of a man [or woman] is not where he [she] stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he [she] stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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