

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday after the 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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest; if you are
mourning and you long for comfort; if you are struggling
and you desire victory; if you recognize that you are a
sinner and need a Savior – God welcomes you here in the
name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come – this congregation opens wide its' doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

****HYMN #414** God, reveal your presence

Prayer of Adoration (unison) Reveal yourself, Gracious God, within this time of worship. Speak to us through songs we sing, prayers we speak, words we hear. Reveal yourself Gracious God, within your family here. In our speaking and listening, tears and laughter, love that's shared. Reveal yourself, Gracious God, within these coming days. In the places we live, the lives we live, people we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Kyrie (Strathdee): #561 - Lord have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession (unison) O God of mercy, it is hard to face the truth about ourselves. We stand before you to confess that we have failed to see you in the faces of other people. When we have failed to recognize your love in the actions of friend or stranger, forgive us. When we have failed to recognize your presence in the world in which we live, forgive us. When we have failed to remember your gospel in our actions, thoughts and words, forgive us. Renew our hearts in worship, our minds in wisdom and our hands in service. Take our lives and use them, as a sacrifice of love. Amen

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** Post-game handshakes are a time-honored tradition. Baseball players, basketball players, NFL athletes never miss this ritual of sportsmanship. During the game they "fight", engage in "battle," "conquer," or suffer "defeat." But at the end of the day athletes are not at war. By a simple hand gesture, athletes declare that they are at peace.

The apostle Paul always greeted and closed with the words, “The peace of God be with you” in his pastoral letters. This is an appropriate way to greet our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and so we say, “the peace of the Lord be with you” and respond, “and also with you.”

(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!**

Special presentation

*Hymn #753 You walk along our shoreline *(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 God, we come into your presence today encouraged by your scriptures – yet, sometimes, we do not understand what is being read. We ask in Jesus’ name that you will give us assistance in the discerning of your words! Amen**

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 138

1 I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

3 When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

4 **May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.**

5 May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

⁸The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.

Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 pg. 524

The Letters: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 pg. 877

The Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11 pg. 786

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Think on These Things

(Mark Patterson)

Sermon NO PAID LEAVE

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 #100 I'll praise you, Lord

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 **#366 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

**Commissioning and Benediction

Sending Forth **#793 Amen, amen, amen

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*Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of
parents, Harry and Kay Jardine, by their
children and families.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY WE SAY A BIG THANK YOU TO ELLEN JARDINE FOR TEN YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE OFFICE EVERY FRIDAY MORNING. SHE STARTED HERE ON FEB. 12, 2009. WELL DONE ELLEN!

From now until – Mar. 31 (with the exception of Feb 24 when we will be back in the sanctuary for that one week)- Worship services will be held in the Upper Hall.

Annual Reports are ready today and are available at each entryway. Please only take one, as we have reduced the number printed this year to save on paper. It has also been emailed out to those of you who are on the congregational email list and is on the church website at <http://pccweb.ca/first-newglasgow/>



February has become known as Black History Month, or African Heritage Month. Over the next few weeks some of our music, anthems and hymns will reflect the influence that Black History has had on our music and culture. A

special treat will be a brass ensemble joining us for service on February 24.

The commemoration of African Heritage Month in Canada can be traced to 1926 when Harvard-educated black historian Carter G. Woodson, who founded Negro History Week to recognize the achievements of African Americans. Woodson purposefully chose February for the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, both key figures in the emancipation of enslaved blacks: In 1976, as part of the American Bicentennial celebrations, Negro History Week was expanded to Black History and is now recognized here in Canada as African Heritage Month.

We continue African Heritage Month by celebrating Viola Desmond, who built a career and business as a beautician and was a mentor to young Black women in Nova Scotia through her Desmond School of Beauty Culture. It is, however, the story of her courageous refusal to accept an act of racial discrimination that provided inspiration to a later generation of Black persons in Nova Scotia and in the rest of Canada. In December 2016, it was announced that Desmond would be the first Canadian woman depicted on the face of a Canadian banknote — the \$10 note in a series of bills released in 2018.

Fuel Fund Envelopes are available at each entrance. The Fuel Fund is grateful for all contributions received for this very important project. All those contributing through our congregation, will receive an Income Tax Receipt from the church OR all donations given directly to the Pictou County Fuel Fund will also receive an Income Tax Receipt from the Fuel Fund itself.

The PCC wall calendar for 2020 is looking for **artwork from children**. The deadline has been extended to March 22. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information.

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

Feb. 15- 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.

Feb. 17 - Myla Borden and several student drummers will be joining us for the service.

Feb. 16 - AMS Fellowship Lunch 12:00 noon here. Please use the James Street entrance.

Feb. 22 - 7:00 pm - Trinity United Choir and Friends present ***In Joyful Song*** - A warm evening on a winter's night of music and praise! Reception to follow. Special guests will include the New Glasgow Academy School Choir. Freewill offering to support the New Glasgow Academy Panther Pantry and the Trinity Music Fund

Feb. 24 - Service will be moved back to the Sanctuary for Communion Sunday along with our **Annual Meeting following the service. There will be a light lunch of sandwiches and sweets immediately following the service and before the meeting. **The congregation is asked to please contribute for this luncheon.****

March 3 - This year the World Day of Prayer service for the town will be held at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend especially choir members. Choir practice will be at 1 pm.



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