

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sixth 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: From the town of New Glasgow and surrounding
communities of Pictou County

**People: we gather to give our hearts, minds, souls and all our
energy in adoration to God.**

Leader: With grateful and expectant hearts,

**People: we gather to praise God who gives living water, through
whom the faithful flourish.**

Leader: Those who trust in you, O God, are like trees planted by the water,

People: Those who place their faith in you are like trees with deep roots,

Leader: those who receive their life from you are like green trees during a drought.

All: We praise you, God, for the life that has no end, through Jesus our risen Christ!

****HYMN #205** O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Prayer of Adoration (**unison**) **Wherever Jesus went, crowds flocked to be near him and even today we gather together to hear his words, to sing his praises and to learn more about our Saviour. Be with us Lord, in our singing, our prayers and our meditation. As we meet with you today, bless us, that we might become a blessing for others. Amen**

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

Prayer of Confession (**unison**) **Gracious God, you test the mind and search the heart: you know our thoughts and the secrets of our hearts. We confess the smallness of our love, the narrowness of our concern, and the denial of your truth. Through our hands have slipped opportunities missed, people not cared for, moments and days not celebrated. Some of our sins are plain for us to see; and to others we are blind; some we cannot face and others we cannot forget. We are sorry for our failings and ask for reassurance and forgiveness. This we pray in the name of the amazing Jesus, our Lord.**

Words of Assurance

****Passing of the Peace:** Those who place their faith in the Lord are blessed. Let us share this blessing with those around us as we pass the peace of Christ.

(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 #730 “As Long As We Follow”

(Joseph Kabemba)

1. (Solo) Na nzela na lola tokotambola malembe, (All) malembe tokotambola. (2x)

(Refrain) Malembe, malembe, malembe tokotambola. (2x)
2. (Solo) As long as we follow in the way that God is leading, (All) we know God’s reign will surely come. (2x)
(Refrain) We know this, we know this. Yes, God’s reign will surely come. (2x)
3. (Solo) As long as we hope there is a future for creation, (All) a future for the universe. (2x)
(Refrain) We know this, we know this. Yes, God’s reign will surely come. (2x)
4. Repeat verse 1. *(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) **Living and Loving God, help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Scripture: Responsive Psalm: Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
²**but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

⁴Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 pg. 593

The Letters: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 pg. 877

The Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26 pg.788

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Sermon **TOUR CHEATIN' HEART**

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 #634** Will you come and follow me

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 #267** Rejoice, the Lord is king

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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

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We welcome and say thank you to Myla Borden and several student drummers who join us this morning. We appreciate you sharing your musical gifts with us!

Today is Rev. Shaw's last Sunday with us, so we invite you to remain after church for a light lunch and celebration cake, as we thank him and Joy for their time with us.

Today – immediately following the service, there will be a Finance/Maintenance & Stewardship Team meeting in the Session Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

I will be doing the low-income taxes again this year. The final income forms will not be available this year till Feb.18. March is when we will be able to do them. – Larry Ingham

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. 24 - Service will be moved back to the Sanctuary for Communion (with Rev. Lorne MacLeod) followed by our **Annual Meeting**. 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 2 – 2:00 pm- Induction service for Rev. Andrew MacDonald, as we welcome him (and his wife and two young daughters) as he is inducted as new minister of First Church.



March 3 - Rev. Andrew MacDonald's first service with us. Let's show him a First Church welcome!

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