FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Sacrament of Holy Communion

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: Selections by St. James Brass Quintet (traditional spirituals – Go Down Moses; Wade in the Water; I Got a Robe, Lord; Gimme a Little Nudge; Were you There)

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:		worry or become envious, for all wickedness will	
	fade aw	ay and wither like the grass.	
People:	Trust in	the Lord and you will be blessed.	
Leader:	Take delight in the Lord and God will grant you the		
	desires	of your heart.	
People:	Commit your ways to the Lord and God will act.		
Leader:	Come, let us worship God, our refuge in times of trouble		
**HYMN	#334	God, who gives to life its goodness	

Prayer of Adoration

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

Prayer of Confession (unison) Gracious God, we admit that we are broken people. We acknowledge that we surround ourselves with those who are like us, those who treat us well, and those who can benefit us. There are times when we cut ourselves off from those who have hurt us and build walls to keep others away. Forgive us Lord, show us what it means to love our enemies and to do good to those who mistreat us. Transform and renew us again by your resurrection power and fill us with the knowledge of your Spirit.

Words of Assurance

**Passing of the 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 **#571** Lord, I want to be a Christian (*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 37: 1-11, 39-40

¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Old Testament:	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15	pg. 36
Epistle:	1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50	pg. 878
The Gospel:	Luke 6: 27-38	pg.788
Leader: People:	The word of God for the people Thanks be to God	of God

 Special Music
 Deep River
 (traditional, arr. L. Henderson)

Sermon Love Your Enemies

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 **#762 When the poor ones

The Offering Anthem Broken for me Janet Lunt

**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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation ** The Apostles' Creed #539 The institution of the Supper One: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. One: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. One: People: It is right to give God thanks and praise. Breaking of the bread and the raising of the cup Communion **Hymn **#674** In the bulb **Commissioning and Benediction **Sending Forth **#793** Amen, amen, amen Postlude Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (traditional, arr. D. Evans)

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MacLean St. Ushers:	Albert van de Pol & Theresa van de Pol
James St. Ushers:	Mike Heighton & Cristal van de Pol
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Scripture Reader:	Brent MacQuarrie
Refreshments:	Light lunch provided by the congregation

We welcome and thank Rev. Lorne MacLeod for leading worship this morning and presiding over Holy Communion.

Immediately following the service, there will be a light lunch followed by our Annual Meeting. Please consider remaining for both the lunch and the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to welcome the St. James Brass Quintet to our worship service this morning. Members are:

Brent MacQuarrie – trumpet Fred Davison – trombone David Prince – tuba Christine Templeman – cornet Bob MacMillan – alto horn Gordon Ingham - percussion

From now until – Mar. 31 (with the exception of TODAY) - Worship services will be held in the Upper Hall.

On February 16 the Catherine Mair AMS and the Allan Pollok AMS hosted the Pictou Presbyterial mid-winter luncheon in the lower hall. A Big Thank You to Ruth Anne MacIntosh and Lynne Ann MacLellan for setting up and decorating. The room looked lovely. Also, thanks to caretaker, Michael for assisting throughout the day and Ben Curry who washed the dishes. Many hands make light work.....Phoebe

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. During the month of February, we are continuing to recognize **Black History Month** across the country and even more specifically here in Pictou County, with the **African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia (AUBA)**. Since **1854**, the AUBA has been serving the Black community throughout Nova Scotia by serving as a centre for educational opportunities, trailblazer for social change and continues to remain a strong voice for hundreds of black families throughout Nova Scotia.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

<u>March 7</u> - 5:45 pm - Archway Christian Counselling is celebrating 10 years of serving Pictou County with a Banquet and Silent Auction. Tickets \$40. Please call 902-752-5193 for reservations.

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