## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 3, 2019

**Transfiguration 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.

(\*\* 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

\*\*HYMN #438 When morning gilds the skies

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

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

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 #185 Jesus on the mountain peak (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 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

The First Lesson:Exodus 34: 29-35pg. 68The Epistle:2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2pg. 880The Gospel:Luke 9: 28-43pg. 792

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Sermon "Lifting the Vail"

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer: And now we pray in the words

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The King is mighty, he loves justice— you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. [a]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

#### power and the glory, forever. Amen

\*\*Hymn #356 You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd

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 has come

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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

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Organist: Lloyd MacLean

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Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Lorna Hardy by Gordon & Janet Hardy.



We extend a warm welcome to Rev. Andrew MacDonald and his wife Lori and their two young daughters, Natalie & Bridget as Andrew takes on the roll of our new minister and Lori and the girls

become part of our church family. We look forward to spending time with them all and getting to know them, as they get to know us.

We express our gratitude to Mark Thibeau and the Search Committee team of Ruth Anne MacIntosh, Jean McComb, Lynn Simpson, Phoebe Fraser, Roger MacDonald, Patrick Young and Gary Ross. It was a lot of hard, sometimes discouraging work with uncertainty and upheaval along the way, so we are very grateful for your service.

Also many thanks to Sharon Mason, and all the Elders on Session, as they helped in so many ways along this path we were on. We are indeed blessed!

# <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

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.  $-Larry\ Ingham$ 

**Camp Geddie news** - There is a new nature/creation focused Camp called TREC (Teens Ready to Explore Creation.) July 14-20 for ages 12-14 and Aug. 14-18 for ages 14-18. Camp Registration is now available online. There is a poster on the bulletin board with this information on it plus upcoming events for the spring.

**Happy 80+ March Birthdays** to Wilfred Marshall (104!!) -March 11, Vivian Ingham- March 12 and Donald Johnstone – March 29.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>March 5</u> – 5-7 pm - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper. It's our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year! Join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with sausage, juice, tea & coffee. Let's share a meal together and prepare for the beginning of Lent. \$7 per person; \$20 for a family of 4 or more.

March 5 - Session meeting at 7:00 pm

<u>March 5</u> - 5.00 P.M. - 7.00 PM - First United Church, 81 High Street, Trenton, NS. FREEWILL OFFERING

<u>March 5</u> – 11am-1pm - Pancake & Sausage Luncheon at Christ Church, Bridge Ave., Stellarton. \$8.00 adults

<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.

<u>March 10</u> – Nursing Home Service at Glen Haven Manor at 2:30 pm. All welcome to attend and lend their voice to the choir.

March 31 - Service moves back to the sanctuary.



### **Bakeless Bake Sale**

A bit of news we have today...
A BAKELESS BAKE SALE is on the way.
In these busy days, who wants to bake,
A pie or cookies or even a cake.

You'd be surprised if you counted the cost, of ingredients, heat, and the time you've lost.

Baking for sales is extra work.

Yet nobody really wants to shirk.

So we've thought of a plan that's really grand, and feel quite sure you'll understand.

In an envelope, if you like, please include the price... of a pie or cake or anything nice.

Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We hope you'll give with a willing heart.
Wishing success for our BAKELESS BAKE SALE,
This is the end of our little tale.



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