

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 17, 2019

2nd Sunday in Lent



*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** #575 Lead me Lord  
Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness  
make your way plain before my face,  
for it is you, and you, God only,  
who makes me dwell in safety.

\*\*Call to Worship

**\*\*HYMN #331** The God of Abraham praise

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 #508** Your word, O God, woke the uncreated (*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

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

<sup>2</sup> **for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.**

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

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

<sup>6</sup> **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> 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.

**<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

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

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

<sup>11</sup> But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

**<sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

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

First Lesson:	Genesis 45: 3-11,15	pg. 36
Epistle Lesson:	1 Corinthians 15: 35-38,42-50	pg. 878
Gospel Lesson:	Luke 6: 27-38	pg. 788

Leader: The word of God for the people of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem Empty Hands - solo Justin Savage *T. Fettke*

Sermon Do Unto Others

## **THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer:

**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 #326 Give to the winds thy fears

The Offering

**\*\*Offertory #590** We have this ministry (vs2)  
O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay called to service by your grace,  
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry; God, receive our giving.

**\*\*Prayer of dedication**

**\*\*Hymn #14** Safe in your hands, O God who made me

**\*\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*\*Sending Forth #553**

May the Lord bless you; may the Lord keep you  
may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

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MacLean St. Ushers: Edna Fraser & Chet Fleming  
James St. Ushers: Cathy & Jack Lewis  
Office: Philip Blackwood  
Scripture Reader: Sheila Dempster  
Refreshments: Fran Savage, Shirley MacDonald and Justin  
Savage

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. MacDonald's** office hours will be Tuesday to Friday 10-2 or by appointment.

**Connection newspaper** has arrived and is free. There are some at each entryway if you would like one.

**We express our love and sympathy** to Jean MacDonald formerly of Havenbrook Manor, on the recent death of her brother, Archie Black of Lower Shinimicas.

I will be doing the low-income taxes again this year. Please call 902-752-1639. – *Larry Ingham*

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

**March 17** - 3:00 pm - Spring Gospel Concert at Second Baptist Church. Featuring St. James Brass Quintet, Don Haggart and many more. Freewill offering. Fellowship & lunch to follow. Poster on bulletin board.

**March 31** - Last service in upper hall before we move back to the sanctuary.

**April 5** - Fling into Spring, an auction and silent auction will take place at Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton. Viewing will take place at 6:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be local entertainment, tea, coffee and a dessert table! Tickets are \$5.00 and are now available. Proceeds will be in support of the Capital Campaign.

**April 9** - Finance, Stewardship and Maintenance Team meeting at 6:00 pm.



*Marriage  
Preparation*

**May 4** - Marriage Preparation Workshop at First Presbyterian Church in Stellarton. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. To register call 752-5935 or 752-6548. Poster on bulletin board.

## A Lenten Prayer

The Lenten season begins. It is a time to be with you, Lord, in a special way, a time to pray, to fast, and thus to follow you on your way to Jerusalem and to the final victory over death. I am still so divided. I truly want to follow you, but I also want to follow my own desires and lend an ear to the voices that speak about prestige, success, pleasure, power and influence. Help me to become deaf to these voices and more attentive to your voice, which calls me to choose the narrow road to life.

I know that Lent is going to be a very hard time for me. The choice for your way has to be made every moment of my life. I have to choose thoughts that are your thoughts, words that are your words, and actions that are your actions.

Please, Lord, be with me at every moment and in every place. Give me the strength and the courage to live this season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with joy the new life that you have prepared for me.  
Amen



**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*



## \* Irish Blessing \*

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

