

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 24, 2019

3rd 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 #37 O God, thou art my God alone

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 **#190** You thirsty ones *(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 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

⁴**One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

⁶**Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

¹⁰ **Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.**

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

¹² **Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.**

¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

First Lesson:	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	pg. 10
Epistle Lesson:	Philippians 3: 17-4:1	pg. 895
Gospel Lesson	Luke 13: 31-35	pg. 797

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

Sermon *The Lord's Goodness*

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 **#366 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

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 #670** Amazing grace

****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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may the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

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Refreshments:	Sara Fullerton & Brent MacQuarrie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity United (next door) is having some work done on their roof. Debris is falling on the alleyway between the two buildings, so we ask that you please be careful of nails and tar that could be tracked into our building.

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 Rev. Andrew and family on the recent death of his uncle, Angus Bruce MacDonald from Cole Harbour. May God gently comfort all who grieve and sustain them with a spirit of peace in faith.

From the Organist's Desk: We will soon be moving back in to the sanctuary for worship and please consider why we moved. The Worship & Music Committee made the suggestion after noting that congregational singing is easier and more effective when people are seated closer together. As worshipping followers of Jesus, members of all congregations are encouraged to raise their voices in praise and song. It is a Biblical imperative (eg: Psalm 96: Sing to the Lord a new song...", Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise...", and more) which is made easier to follow when a congregation sings together. The choir is a group of singers who are willing to spend extra time learning and preparing music that enhances our worship experience, but the primary responsibility of any church choir is to lead and support congregational singing. In other words, the choir is helping to develop a "congregational choir", not just an audience. When that happens, the effects are powerful and lasting. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 at 6:30 pm and auction at 7:00 pm. Local entertainment, tea, coffee and a dessert table. Tickets are \$5.00 and are now available.

April 6 - 4-6 pm - Turkey Dinner at St. George's Anglican Church. Adults \$15.00; children \$8. Eat in or take out. For tickets call church office at 902-752-4551. Poster on bulletin board.

April 6 - First United Church (Trenton) Men's Club will be holding their Annual Ham & Salad Supper. The cost of the supper is \$8.00 each. Call 902-752-8166. The suppers will be delivered to your home or you may pick up your supper at the church – 81 High Street, Trenton.

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

April 9-12: Blood Donations at Pictou Armouries and Wellness Centre. See Poster for times. Call 1-888-2DONATE.

April 13 - 2:00 pm. **Atlantic Mission Society Spring Rally** will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow. The theme is "Spirit Calling and Free". Guest speaker will be the Rev. Andrew MacDonald, minister of First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow. Everyone is welcome. Please use the George Street entrance to the lower hall.

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.

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Micah 6: 8-The Message