

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 21, 2019

Easter 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** (choir only) Risen on High!

(Steve Kupferschmid)

**Call to Worship

**HYMN #247 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayer of Approach

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Passing of the Peace

One person: The peace of Christ with you.

Other person: **And also with you!**

*Hymn #254 Jesus is risen from the grave *(children come forward during last verse)*

Children's time *(children go to class following story)*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:**

"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷ **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ **the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Old Testament: Isaiah 65: 17-25 pg. 575

Epistle: Acts 10: 34-43 pg. 840

Gospel Lesson: John 20: 1-18 pg. 828

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Christ is Risen Today

(N. Price/D. Besig)

Sermon He is Risen Indeed

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn #259 This joyful Eastertide

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Communion Hymn #543 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee vs. 1-3

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving #564

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn #543 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee vs. 4-7

****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.

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

Postlude Hail, O festival day

(Ralph Vaughn Williams)



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James St. Ushers: Roger MacDonald & Philip Blackwood
Office: Ian Semple
Scripture Reader: Ella Russell
Refreshments: Linda Fraser & Diane Bagnell
Trumpet: Andrew Alcorn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The FMS Team has reviewed a request to have an AED available on church premises. A readily accessible AED could meet the medical needs of potential situations occurring in the sanctuary, upper/lower halls or anywhere on church

property. The list price is approximately \$2000.00. A donation towards this purchase will be most welcome. It could save a life!. Thank you.
PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK when you leave the building. Some doors have been found unlocked recently.

The organist is taking requests for hymns that are in the hymn book. If you have a hymn you would like sung, please write down the number and title, and put it in the box on the windowsill at the back of the sanctuary, and he will try to fit it in some Sunday.

Congratulations to Teela Billington on her recent Volunteer Recognition Award from the Town of New Glasgow. Well done Teela!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Silent Bake Sale.
– Board of Manager

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

April 27 - NG Music Festival here from 9:00-- 4:30 pm.

May 4 - 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast in the lower hall. Freewill offering.

May 18 - Union Presbyterian Church presents "Hannah and the Boys". Free Will Offering. All proceeds toward the Roof Fund.

May 25 - Geddie Spageddie – at Camp Geddie from 4-6pm. Freewill offering. Everyone welcome.

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*

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