

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 28, 2019

Mission Awareness 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 – Easter Medley

Entry of Choir and Minister

Welcome and Announcements

**Introit

****Please rise as the Bible enters #365** This is the threefold truth

This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends,
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

**Call to Worship

**HYMN #258 Thine be the glory

Prayer of Approach

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

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

**Passing of the Peace

One person: The peace of Christ with you.

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

*Hymn #248 At the dawning of salvation *(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 150

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

² **Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ **praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,**

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.**

First Lesson: Acts 5: 27-32 pg. 834

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1: 4-8 pg. 933

Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19-31 pg. 829

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Seed that in earth is dying *(Herresthal/Ellingboe)*

Sermon **Believe Without Seeing**

**Reaffirmation 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 RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn #260 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to our risen Lord

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering - He Rose Triumphantly

**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 The risen Christ

- 1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
- 2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe,
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
- 3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

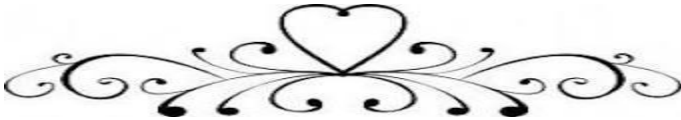
4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Sending Forth Go Now in Peace

(Besig & Price)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.



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Refreshments:	Cathy Lewis & Marg Fraser

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today is Mission Awareness Sunday and we welcome all members of the AMS groups. The purpose of the AMS is to glorify God and to support with prayer, study and service, mission endeavors through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The theme for this year is **Glorifying God**.

We welcome and thank Joy Shaw as our guest organist today as she fills in for Lloyd.

We have received a memorial donation for Brad Smith and daughter Pamela (Smith) Flanagan from Betty Smith and family.

The amount donated to Camp Geddie from the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services was \$322.10.

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 \$2,000.00. A donation towards this purchase will be most welcome. It could save a life! Thank you.

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.



Thank you to Lloyd and the choir for the wonderful Easter music and their participation in 3 upcoming community events. Well done for all your hard work and practicing!

On this National Day of Mourning in Sri Lanka, The Canadian Council of Churches grieves the loss of so many lives, the loss of health in bodies and communities, and the loss of peace and tranquility in the country.

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

May 4 – 7pm – “Stay With Us” Cantata here with choirs from the Kirk, Greenhill/Alma United and our choir. Fundraiser for Canada Foodgrains Bank. See poster on bulletin board.



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

May 7 – Palliative Care Service of Remembrance at Summer St. Industries with our choir taking part.

May 12 – 7pm - Good Shepherd’s concert at St. Andrew’s in New Glasgow. Combined choirs from St. Andrew’s, our choir, Trinity & St. George’s. Proceeds of the freewill offering will go to the Shepherd’s Luncheon.

“WHEN WE BEGIN TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS GREATER JOY IN WORKING WITH AND FOR OTHERS, RATHER THAN JUST FOR OURSELVES, THEN OUR SOCIETY WILL TRULY BECOME A PLACE OF CELEBRATION.” JEAN VANIER

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