

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 7, 2019

5th 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 #327 Sing praise to God who reigns above

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

One person: The peace of Christ with you.

Other person: And also with you!

*Hymn **#696** In suffering love *(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 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

3The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

4 Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.

5Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

First Lesson: Isaiah 43: 16-21 pg. 555

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3: 4-14 pg. 895

Gospel Lesson: John 12: 1-8 pg. 821

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Spirit Song

(John Wimber)

Duet: Linda Fraser & Berma Marshall

Sermon While Martha Served

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 **#787 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

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 **#651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**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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Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Fraser by Edna and family.

Today after church in the Session Room - the Pastoral Care Team will meet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Over 2.6 million people across Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe are in need of emergency food, water and shelter due to flooding from Cyclone Idai. Roads, schools, houses and crops have been severely damaged. Access to electricity and safe water is limited, and the risk of cholera and other diseases remains high. Until April 14, the Government of Canada is matching all donations made to the Humanitarian Coalition's Cyclone Idai joint appeal, up to \$2 million. Through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank (a member of the Humanitarian Coalition) gifts to PWS&D are eligible to be matched. You can also make a gift through your church, by mailing a cheque or by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291. Please mark your donation "Cyclone Idai."

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

We have received a donation is loving memory of Hugh Matheson from Catherine and family.

Happy 80+ birthday to Ralph Holmes – April 10.

Happy 50+ anniversary to Doug & Margie Guthro – April 17.

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

April 5 at 6 pm. - Worship and Music team meeting.

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

April 10 – Elsie MacKay/Greg Reid AMS – 2:00 pm.

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.

April 13 - Scotsburn United Church Spring Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. Gluten-free option available! \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, children under 5 yrs free!



April 14 - Palm Sunday Service at 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

April 14 - **Nursing Home Service** at Ivey's Terrace in Trenton at 2:30 pm.

First Baptist Church, East River Road – 12: 10: **20 Minutes at the Cross:**
April 5 speaker Bruce Morrison; April 16 – Leon Teal; April 17 – Alan Klein and April 18 – John Dunnett.

April 18 - piano tuning in preparation for NG Music Festival.

April 27 – 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast.

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

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



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