



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, June 2, 2019

Ascension 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 #432** vs.1

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,

to thee all praise and glory be;

how shall we show our love to thee who givest all?

**Call to Worship

Hymn **#814 Morning has broken

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

Hymn **#373 Jesus loves me

(*children come forward*)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 47

¹ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

² **For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.**

³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

⁴ **He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

First Lesson: Acts: 1:1-11 pg. 830

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1: 15-23 pg. 890

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24: 44-53 pg. 809

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Order my Steps

Glenn Burleigh

Sermon Stop Staring at the Sky

**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 #363 All hail the power

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

**Offertory #432 vs. 7

to thee from whom we all derive

our life, our gifts, our power to give?

Oh may we ever with thee live, who givest all.

**Prayer of dedication

** Hymn #767 Lord, speak to me

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Sending Forth #766 Amen, amen, amen, amen.



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Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Ken Hardy by Gord and Janet Hardy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the recent Soup & Dessert Luncheon. We appreciate your continued support.

- Circle of Friends

We express our love and sympathy to Brian & Louise Gillis and family on the recent death of Brian's father, Gerald Gillis of Aberdeen, Cape Breton. May God gently comfort all who grieve and sustain them with a spirit of peace in faith.

Summer hours – we will be closed for the month of July with joint worship being held at the Kirk and they will be closed for August and joining us for worship during that month.



Happy 80+ June Birthday- to Lorraine MacLean, Franklin Campbell – June 4 and Blanche Steeves – June 30.

Happy Birthday to Sophie MacIvor – June 6 and Riley Young – June 8.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The FMS Team has reviewed a request to have an AED available on church premises. The list price is approximately \$2,000.00. A donation towards this purchase will be most welcome.

Celebrating Graduates of the Class of 2019 - We ask your help in letting us know the names of this year's graduates from our church family. Please call or email the church office.

It's time again to show our support for **Camp Geddie**. A supply list is on the easel in the upper hall. Items may be left on the stage there.

CAMP GEDDIE NEEDS YOUR HELP! With the Camp Season approaching, Camp Geddie is again asking for volunteers to help get the Camp ready. Some of the projects that need work are:

1. Interior painting in the Lodge – Bulletin Board repair; benches under the windows; Sun porch.
2. Nurses Cabin – Work on corners of building - replace rotten wood; replace shingles on roof; painting (pictures available).
3. Washhouse – Some exterior painting; boards to be replaced; repair outdoor shower taps (building is to be replaced) (pictures available).
4. Dock – significant work to be completed, the deck is detached due to changing water levels.
5. Camp Trails to be cleared.

If your Church, or a group of friends, can send a work party to complete the above tasks afternoons during the month of June, please contact Chris MacDonald at 902-485-4011 or g.cmacdonald@eastlink.ca to arrange times and make sure proper supplies are available.

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

June 5 - Rev. Andrew is holding a **new member's course** every Wednesday at 7pm. Please contact the office if you're interested.

June 6 – 7:00 Session meets

June 9 - 7:30 pm – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Heartsongs by the **Trinitarians**. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, students \$7. Tickets available from choir members, H&R Music or call 752-1297.

June 11, 12, 13, 14 – Blood Donor Clinics – Tues at Pictou Armouries 5-8pm; Wed & Thurs at NSCC Pictou Campus 1-3pm & 5-7pm; Fri at NSCC Campus from 12-3pm.

June 12 - 12:30 pm - Elsie MacKay, Greg Reid and Catherine Mair AMS closing luncheon at Pictou Lodge.

June 14 - 7 pm. - Riverside Cemetery Company, caretakers of Lorne St., Pioneer & Riverside Cemeteries are holding their Annual Meeting in the Sobeyes Community Room at Aberdeen Mall.

June 16 - Johnny Miles Race - Please allow lots of time to get here, as traffic delays may happen and parking will be congested.

June 16 – 2:00 pm – POTLUCK - Joint Congregational Picnic at Camp Geddie.

Getting Ready for Organized Crime Duo: Saturday, June 29 at 7 pm, First Presbyterian Church, NG is hosting a very special concert by two of Canada’s youngest and most talented organists, Sarah Svendsen (originally from New Glasgow) and Rachel Mahon. Both have amazing international careers as solo organists but occasionally they get together and create musical fun – and maybe a little havoc. This act they call **Organized Crime Duo**. See: organizedcrimeduo.com. Tickets are on sale now from the church office, H&R Music, New Glasgow, and Fulmore’s Pharmacy, Pictou. Adults: \$25; Students: \$5. Spread the word!

June 30 – from 12:15 until 2:00 pm we are holding a **Family Fun Event** to welcome Rev. Andrew, Lori, Natalie and Bridget to our community. This will be open to the community and other churches and includes face painting, cupcake decorating, a fishpond, a cake walk and jelly bean guess for adults and children. There will be hot dogs, cookies and ice cream. This is a joint venture by Circle of Friends and Mission/Outreach & Hospitality Teams. Please call the office if you can provide **a cake, a case of water, hotdogs, buns, ice cream or cookies**.

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