



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 12, 2019

Christian Family 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 #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 #607 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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 #11 The Lord's my shepherd (*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 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

First Lesson: Acts 9: 36-43 pg. 839

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7: 9-17 pg. 936

Gospel Lesson: John 15: 1-8 pg. 824

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Brother James' Air *James L.M. Bain, arr. Alan Ridout*

Sermon **GOD IS LOVE**

**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 #609 O saints, in splendor sing

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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 #649 How clear is our vocation

**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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James St. Ushers: Helen Crowell & Irene Kirk
Office: Roger MacDonald
Scripture Reader: Sharon Mason
Refreshments: Isabel Henderson & Brenda Zinck

TODAY immediately after the service, we will be introduced to Sarah Svendsen by watching a video of her playing the Bach Toccata & Fugue in D minor on the magnificent organ of Metropolitan United Church, Toronto. This recording was made by the CBC and will give you an idea of the talent that will be in concert here on June 29.

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 \$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.

Rev. Andrew is willing to hold a **new member's course**, probably starting in June. Please contact the office if you're interested.

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

TONIGHT – 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 Lunchroom.

May 14 - 6:30 pm - Finance, Maintenance & Stewardship meeting.

May 17 - Noon - **Monthly Potluck Luncheon** - This is free because it's potluck and everyone is asked to bring something that's ready to eat. It's a social time and will be followed by games, so bring your checker board, crib board etc. You are invited to bring a friend or neighbor, as this is not just for our church. Please use the James St. entrance. This is coordinated by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

May 22 – 7:30 pm, the film - **LOVE, SCOTT** – Film viewing/Q&A with Scott Jones and the Director. Tickets available at decostecentre.ca

May 22 -Auction/dessert evening at St. Paul United Church, Westville. Viewing 6:30 p.m. Auction 7 p.m. Admission \$5.00

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

May 24-25 - an educational opportunity at Camp Geddie. Dr. Dave Csinos, a well-known author and speaker in children and youth ministry. Info and registration form on bulletin board.

May 25 - Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton are holding their **Spring Tea and Bake Sale** from 2-4 p.m. Admission is \$7.00

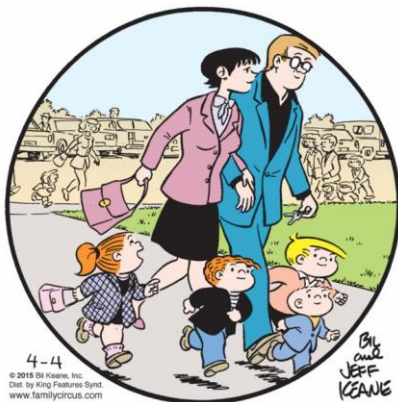


Getting Ready for Organized Crime Duo:

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!



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"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."

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