



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, May 5, 2019

*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 #459 O servants of God

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 **#16** I worship you, O Lord (*children come forward during last verse*)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 30

¹ I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

² **LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

³ You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.

⁴ **Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶ **When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."**

⁷ LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:**

⁹ "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

¹⁰ **Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."**

¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² **that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.**

LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

First Lesson: Acts 9: 1-6 pg. 838

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 5: 11-14 pg. 936

Gospel Lesson: John 21: 1-19 pg. 829

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Stay With Us

Walter Farquharson/Ron Klusmeier

Sermon Quo Vadis

**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 #788 How deep the silence of the soul

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 #270 The head that once was crowned with thorns

**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: Fran Savage & Susan Kennedy
Office: Scott Grant
Scripture Reader: Berma Marshall
Refreshments: Robyn MacLeod & Evie MacLellan

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.



Happy 80+ birthday to Hendrika van Veld on May 19.

Happy Birthday to Jaxon MacIvor, May 17 and Keegan Young, May 22.

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

May 6 - 2:00 pm - C. Mair AMS meeting here

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

May 8 – 2:00 pm – MacKay/Reid AMS meeting here

May 9 - Session meeting at 7:00 pm

May 10 - 11:30-1:00pm (\$8.00). Soup and Dessert Luncheon at Salem Presbyterian Church in Greenhill.

May 10, 7pm, Trinity United Church: *Music for Awhile* - Garth MacPhee, Organ and Karen Crowley, Organ & Piano with special guests, Carillon Singers. Freewill Offering with the proceeds going to the Trinity Music Fund (supporting both the New Glasgow Music Festival grand piano and our organ.)

May 10 - 4:30–6:30 pm -Scalloped Potato Dinner at 1st Baptist Church on East River Road. Eat in/take out \$12.00. Reserve tickets at 752-6180

May 11 - Mother's Day Tea at First Presbyterian in Stellarton from 2-4 pm. Adults \$7, children under 12 are free. Poster on bulletin board.

May 11 – 1:00-3:00 pm - Take Out Lobster Supper at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Pictou Landing. Call Bill MacPherson 902-755-1281.

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.

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

May 24-25 - a wonderful educational opportunity taking place at Camp Geddie. Dr. Dave Csinos, a well known author and speaker in the children and youth ministry and faith formation. There are workshops and an opportunity to connect with other leaders. If you have any questions you can contact Whitney Canning at 902-221-6369. Info and registration form on bulletin board.



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**. Next Sunday, 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. 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!

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*