FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Sunday, September 29, 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

Pre-service sing-a-long

Organ Prelude

Entry of Choir and Minister

Welcome and Announcements

**Introit

**Please rise as the Bible enters #472 vs.1

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the word; our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand: oh, let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

**Call to Worship

**Hymn	#414	God reveal your presence		
Prayer of Approach				
Kyrie (<i>Strathdee</i>): #336 - Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.				
Prayer of Adoration and Confession				
Words of Assurance				
**Passing of the Peace				
**Hymn	#570	I have decided to follow Jesus		
Children's time		(children go to class following story)		

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young— a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

⁸Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.

⁹Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

¹² LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

First Lesson:	Exodus 17: 1-7	pg. 55
Epistle Lesson:	Philippians 2: 1-13	pg. 894
Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 21: 23-32	pg. 755

Leader: The word of God for the people of God **People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem	Here is bread: here is wine	(Graham Kendrick)
Sermon	By Whose Authority	

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

** Hymn	#451	Dear Father, Lord of humankind
The Offering		

Offertory **#472 vs. 3

We are the body of which the Lord is head, called to obey him, now risen from the dead; he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one; oh let us freely give our gifts, and so shall God's work on earth be done.

**Prayer of dedication

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Communion Hymn **#548 Let us break bread together

vs. 1 & 2

**Affirmation 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 Plate, 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 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **#564** The Sacrament of Holy Communion (gluten free bread in middle of tray) **Communion Hymn **#548** vs. 3-4 **Commissioning and Benediction **Sending Forth **#793** Amen, amen, amen

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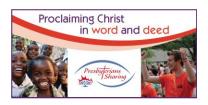
Carrying the Bible:	Gary Ross
MacLean St. Ushers:	Jean & Norman McComb
James St. Ushers:	Albert van de Pol & Theresa van de Pol
Office Door Usher:	Mark Thibeau
Scripture Reader:	Chet Fleming
Refreshments:	Robyn MacLeod & Eve MacLellan



<u>TODAY</u> - <u>3:00 pm</u>, Loch Broom Church - come out and experience a piece of Spiritual History. When the early Scottish Presbyterian Settlers arrived in Nova Scotia, they brought with them the Open-Air Communion services. You

are invited to come and experience an Historical Recreation of an Open-Air Communion Service as it might have been celebrated over 100 years ago. Please bring your own chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



This is Presbyterian Sharing Sunday. If you would like to make a donation, there are envelopes in each entryway. They are purple and orange.

Thank you to Keith and Justin for providing our pre-service music for a sing-a-long.

Thank you to guest organist, Joy Shaw who replaces Lloyd for a few weeks. He will be in BC playing concerts and services with Common Cup (www.commoncup.com).

There is a new **Mental Illness Family Support Group** that meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm at NSCC, room B-129. This is a safe place to gather, share information listen to guest speakers and connect with others. For info call Edith (695-3792) or Lily (301-9597). Poster on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29 - All are invited to celebrate with St. Luke's United Church, Salt Springs as they mark their 90th Anniversary at 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker Rev. Jeannie Stright with special music and choir from St. Paul United Church, Westville. Refreshments to follow and all are welcome.

October 2 - deadline for registering for Synod. It is being held Oct. 21-23 at Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown. Members can register for Synod by filling out the online-form:

https://form.jotform.com/Presby/atlantic-synod-registration

<u>October 5</u> - The AMS Fall Rally will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Pictou Landing. Executive meet at 1:00 and Rally begins at 2:00. Guest speaker will be Tammy MacLaren from Viola's Place. Reminder: Please bring a Sympathy or Thinking of You card.

<u>October 5</u> - The West River Charge is holding a Benefit Breakfast for Bahama Relief Aid in the Durham Church Hall from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (or until sold out). Menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes & syrup, toast & jam, tea, coffee, juice. Gluten free available on request. Cost: Freewill donation at the door. Please come and bring friends!

<u>October 6</u> – 3pm - First Presbyterian Church Hopewell will be celebrating their 165th Anniversary, with Special Music and the Rev Gail Murdock as guest speaker followed by a time of fellowship.

October 13 - Nursing Home Service at Valley View Villa at 2:30pm.

Oct. 18 - Branch 34 RCL is holding a musical show at the Legion at 7pm. The group is from Holland & will be performing WW2 songs. This is the only show in NS. Tickets \$10 and are available at the Legion. Poster on the bulletin board.



Oct. 25 – 7pm - MUSIC FOR THE SOUL - THE DAYTON'S IN CONCERT Join us for an evening of excellent secular and sacred music. Musician Sean Dayton and his wife Aimee will present an uplifting and inspirational concert of music, with something for everyone. The Daytons have

toured and presented their music in churches and other venues across Canada, the United States and England over the past 15 years. With several recordings to their credit and a passion for creating music that reaches people, this is certain to be a meaningful, inspirational and spiritual musical event. Sean Dayton is a recording artist, music school owner, and songwriter from North Bay, Ontario. He has released 5 albums alongside his wife, Aimee, and garnered several GMA Canada awards. See <u>www.seandayton.com</u> for more information or to hear some of his songs.

Tickets are \$15/adult and \$5 student, and are available at the church office, H&R Music, and Fulmore's Pharmacy. Tickets will be on sale in the upper hall following the service each week.

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