



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 8, 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 #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 #706 Come, let us sing

Prayer of Approach

Kyrie (*Strathdee*): **#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 #385 Like the murmur of the dove's song

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

¹You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

²**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴**Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸**Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 pg. 594

Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1: 1-21 pg. 909

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 25-33 pg. 798

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem And Jesus said our God is like a shepherd

(G. Grindal/Joy Patterson)

Sermon *Clay in the Potter's Hands*

**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 #330 O God, our help in ages past

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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

** Hymn #786 O day of God, draw nigh

**Commissioning and Benediction

**Sending Forth #793 Amen, amen, amen

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Scripture Reader: Brent MacQuarrie
Refreshments: Phoebe Fraser & Marilyn Johnstone

There will be a brief meeting of the Trustees and Board of Mangers immediately following the service in the Session Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We welcome the Sunday School children and teachers back for another year of learning and having fun!

Welcome back also 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).

URGENT MESSAGE: The Board of Viola's Place is in urgent need of volunteers to work especially the BACK SHIFT which is 11.30 PM – 7.00 AM. Anyone interested, is asked to let Lisa Deyoung know at 902-752-0550. If you are willing to volunteer, you first must have a POLICE CHECK – following this; applications can be obtained by contacting Lisa at the above number. Training can be received following the acceptance of your application.



We have received a knitting pattern for a market bag. If any knitters are interested, the pattern is in the office. Maybe a fundraiser in the future?

Open Choir Enrollment: NOW is the time to join us for a wonderful Fall/Winter/Spring season of singing! Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 pm and each Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 in the upper hall beginning Wednesday, September 4. Call the church office Tuesday-Friday at 902-752-5691 to sign up **OR** just come out and give us a try! We are growing together!

We're looking for scripture readers. If you would like to read in church every few months or so, please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3 - 12 - The Pictou Co Y Service Club Women will be hosting their 46th annual Used Book Fair, at the Bluenose Curling Club, Park St New Glasgow from 10:00am - 7:00pm daily. 12:00-5:00pm on Sunday. Many previously enjoyed books available.

Sept. 10 - **Finance, Stewardship & Maintenance** Team meets at 6:30.

Sept. 13 - **Worship & Music** Team meeting at 6:00 pm.

Sept. 15 - **Anniversary** service with communion and St. Andrew's joining us to celebrate.

Sept. 15 - 2pm – Loch Broom Log Church Gospel Concert/Sing-a-long.

Sept. 28 - 3:00 pm. **Bible Society Concert** in the Lower Hall, featuring Don Haggart, Amanda MacIntosh & Ken Rocky. Tickets are \$12.00 with children being admitted free. There will be a bible display and refreshments after the concert.

SPREAD LOVE EVERYWHERE YOU GO.
LET NO ONE EVER COME TO YOU
WITHOUT LEAVING HAPPIER.

- *Mother Theresa*

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