



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 1, 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

*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** #125 People look east vs. 1  
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set  
the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is  
on the way.

\*\*Call to Worship

\*\*Hymn #110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

\*\*Passing of the Peace

\*\*Hymn: #129 Prepare the way, O Zion

Advent Candlelighting: The Candle of Hope

Reader 1: Come, let us walk in the light  
of the Lord!

Reader 2: Keep awake, for you do not know  
on what day your Lord is coming.



**People: The world wakens us with worry these days. Where shall we find hope?**

Reader 1: In times of worry, Jesus asks us to shine with pure, clear light. We light the candle of hope so hope will shine into every dark corner more brightly. *(light candle)*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, and kindle hope in our hearts. Shine in our lives whenever we are worried, to strengthen our trust in you. Help us act on the hope we find in you. Let our faithfulness shine in the world you love. Amen**

Reader 2: As we wait for you, Jesus, we will shine with hope!

**#119** Hope is a star (verse 1 and chorus only)

Children's time

*(children go to class following story)*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:	First Lesson:	Isaiah 2: 1-5	pg. 521
	Epistle Lesson:	Romans 13: 11-14	pg. 866
	Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 24: 36-44	pg. 759

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem Arise Shine

*(Robert Lau)*

Sermon Hope

**\*\*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        **#717**    We cannot own the sunlit sky

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

\*\* Offertory    **#145**    vs. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

\*\* Prayer of dedication

\*\* Hymn        **#112**    Prepare the way of the Lord

\*\* Commissioning and Benediction

\*\* Sending Forth    **#153**        Joy to the World (vs. 1)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2020 Church calendars** have arrived. They are \$5.00 each and are available at the office.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the upper hall on a table. They are filed alphabetically, with the Mac's and Mc's being filed together. If you see some for anyone that doesn't get out much, please feel free to deliver theirs to them. Thank you!

**The Circle of Friends** raised \$2,139.15 at their Soup & Dessert Luncheon last week. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**Rev. Andrew** needs candlelighters and readers for the season of Advent.

Please contact him if you would like to take part in the service.

**Happy 80+** December birthday to Ray Webster.

**Happy 50+** Wedding Anniversary to Ralph & Claire Foote.



**Christmas Memory Tree** inserts (they are yellow) will be in each week's bulletin from now until December 15. If you would like to donate a ball or balls, simply fill out the form and put it, along with the money in the collection plate. The Christmas Eve bulletin will contain the names of the donors and the people that have been remembered. There will not be any amounts used.

**The Pictou Co. Food Bank** is asking for your help in stocking the shelves in January. On the bulletin board is a Reverse Advent Calendar, which they hope you will enjoy completing. They thank everyone for their continuing support, as without our help, there would be no Food Bank.

## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

**December 1** - Dream a Dream, a fundraising and awareness event to support an end to global hunger, at Salem United Church at 3:00 pm.

**December 7** - 2-4 pm - Christmas Tea & Sale at First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton. \$7.00, children under 12 are free.

**Dec. 13** - B2G Big Band Christmas Dance at Sharon St. John Church Hall, Acadia Ave., Stellarton \$15 ea; \$25 a couple. Refreshments provided.

**Dec. 16-19** - Twenty Minutes at the Foot of the Cradle at Second Baptist Church from 12:10-12:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Poster on bulletin board.

**Dec. 22** – 7:00 pm - St. Paul United Church in Westville is hosting the Longest Night Service for those experiencing difficulty, sadness or grief during the Christmas season.

## E V E N T S   H A P P E N I N G   H E R E:

**November 30** - **Church Connections** : Faith Journeys. Do you have a particular story that started your faith journey? Let's have some fun, a coffee (tea), something light (a muffin and cheese perhaps) and some good laughter. Looking for some real-life Christian fun and storytelling. From 1:00-3:00 pm here. This is sponsored by Life and Mission committee of Presbytery.

**December 2 - Catherine Mair AMS meeting on Monday.** Members are reminded to take Christmas cards and stamps.

**December 5 - Session meeting at 7pm.**

**December 7 - The Pictou County Community Orchestra** will hold it's Seasonal Concert in the Upper Hall of First Church at 3pm. In addition to presenting music of the season, there will also be a carol sing-along, and other light classical music offered. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$25/family. They are available by contacting Lloyd MacLean or Brent MacQuarrie. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**Dec. 7 -** Again this year, we are contributing to our community by manning the **Salvation Army kettles** from 10am – 8pm at Superstore. If you would like to volunteer for a two hour period, please call or email the office and leave your name. Only 2 more people are needed!

**December 11 - Elsie MacKay/Greg Reid AMS meeting here at 2:00 pm**

# UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Dec. 15 - Sunday School Christmas performance** following the service. There will be a **potluck** downstairs after with **cookie decorating** for the children.

**A-J** - please bring sweets (cookies, squares, tarts)

**K-Z** - please bring casseroles or cold meats.

**Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm**  
Special music  
Children's Handbell Choir