

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 #444 Sweet is the solemn voice

Prayer of Approach

Kyrie (*Russian*): **#336** - Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

**Passing of the Peace

Children's time

(children go to class following story)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

First Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17-25 pg. 574
Epistle Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 pg. 902
Gospel Lesson: Luke 21: 5-19 pg. 804

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem For Where Love Is, There Is God (C. Lee/D.E. Wagner)

Sermon Signs of the Time

**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 #399 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

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 #428 We love your house, O God
- **Commissioning and Benediction
- **Sending Forth #793 Amen, amen, amen



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Carrying the Bible: Kent Williams

MacLean St. Ushers: Brian and Louise Gillis

James St. Ushers: Colette Condon & Fran Savage

Office Door Usher: Ian Semple Scripture Reader: Berma Marshall

Refreshments: Mark & Jennifer Thibeau & Marion MacNeil



Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Ethel Jardine, by Leanne, Laurel, Stephen and families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



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.

Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton has a position available for a <u>part-time custodian</u> (28 hours per week). If you are interested please contact the office at 902-752-4943 or email ssjoffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 20- UCW Christmas Tea/Sale from 11am-1pm at First United Church, Trenton. \$8.00 each. Pantry & craft table also.

Sing Joy! <u>December 1</u> at 3.00 pm, Sharon St. John United Church, Stellarton, with the Trinitarians and the Voicetime Studio Singers. Adults: \$15, Seniors: \$12 and Students: \$7. Tickets: 902 752 -1297, H&R Music and at the door.

<u>Nov. 23</u> - 3:00 pm – Broadway & Beyond concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$12.00, call Laurene 755-3762 or Brenda 752-8993.

Nov. 23 - Sharon St. John Stewards Tea from 2-4 pm. Admission \$7 and \$2 children. Craft, bake and candy tables.

<u>Nov. 24</u> - 7:00 pm - Christmas Carols at the Kirk. An evening of scripture readings, beautiful musical selections sung by the choirs of 5 churches followed by singing traditional carols. Free will offering in support of Pictou County Fuel Fund.

EVENTS HAPPENING HERE:

November 22 - Christmas Soup & Dessert Luncheon from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Please use James St. entrance. Your choice of soup,

biscuit/roll, coffee/tea and dessert. \$8.00 each. Pantry table available.



November 28 – We are **decorating the sanctuary** at 6:00 pm. Please come, if you can – it's a big sanctuary and a big job.

<u>November 30</u> - 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 at First Presbyterian Church New Glasgow. This is sponsored by Life and Mission committee of Presbytery.

<u>December 7</u> - 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 \$15 and are available by contacting Lloyd MacLean or Brent MacQuarrie. Tickets will also be available at the door.

<u>Dec. 7</u> - Again this year, we are contributing to our community by manning the **Salvation Army kettles** from 10am – 8pm at Superstore. Last year, we had enough people sign up that each team of 2 only had to be there for a 2 hour period. If you would like to participate this year, please call or email the office and leave your name.

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