



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 22, 2019 - 4th 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 #127 Sleepers, wake!

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Passing of the Peace

**Hymn: #114 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Advent Candlelighting: The Candle of Love



Reader 1: Do not be afraid! Jesus will save people from their sins.

Reader 2: The Lord has given us a sign. A young woman has borne a son. He is named Emmanuel, God with us.

People: We long for love to heal our hearts and soothe this hurting world. Where are the signs of love in our time?

Reader 1: In times of yearning, Jesus asks us to shine with pure, clear light. We light the candle of love to warm our hearts with God's love, telling us God is with us.

(light candle)

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and kindle love in our lives. Shine in our lives whenever we long for love, and strengthen our trust in you. Make us signs of your love for the lonely and hurting. Let our faithfulness shine in the world you love. Amen

Reader 2: As we wait for you, Jesus, we will shine with hope and work for peace – with joyful hearts and love in our actions!

**** #119** Hope is a star (all verses)

Children's time

(children go to class following story)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:	First Lesson: Isaiah 7: 10-16	pg. 525
	Epistle Lesson: Romans 1: 1-7	pg. 857
	Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1: 18-25	pg. 733

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem A Tiny Child will come

Sermon Love Everywhere

****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 #158 The hands that first held Mary's child**

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 #122 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Sending Forth #110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (vs. 1)**

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James St. Ushers: Noreen Morrison & Phoebe Fraser
Office Door Usher: Gary Ross
Scripture Reader: Chet Fleming
Candlelighters: Lois and Lynne Ann MacLellan
Refreshments: MacIntosh Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We say a huge thank you and welcome to Lynn DeCoste, who is filling in this week for our organist, Lloyd MacLean.

A poinsettia has been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of parents, George & Nancy Campbell by daughters Kathy, Nancy & Darla.

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.

Annual Free Community Christmas Dinner, hosted at St. George's Anglican Church 2 - 4 pm, **December 25**, in Lower Hall, enter from Forbes St. This dinner is open to all who otherwise might be alone or unable to enjoy a Christmas Dinner this year. It is an eat-in event. Come, you will be made welcome!! Reserve a ticket: call Church Office and leave a message (902 752 1297); or come to the door.

We express our love and sympathy to Rev. Ken MacLeod, Marilyn and family on the recent death of Ken's mother, Norma MacLeod in Cape Breton. Her obituary can be viewed at www.wjdooley.com and Rev. Ken's address if you would like to send him a card is: 13 Megan Lynn Dr., Enfield, NS B2T 0N6

The Elsie MacKay/Greg Reid AMS has disbanded.



Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service with Special music
and the
Children's Handbell Choir
Everyone welcome!

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