



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 8, 2019 - 2nd 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 #117 Herald, sound the note of judgement

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

**Passing of the Peace

**Hymn: #126 On Jordan's Banks

Advent Candlelighting: The Candle of Peace



Reader 1: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
has come near!

Reader 2: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie
down with kid. A little child shall lead them.

**People: We fear for our children among the wolves and the
leopards. How will our children find peace?**

Reader 1: In fearful times, Jesus asks us to shine with pure, clear
light. We light the candle of peace to guide us
through our fears with peace in our hearts, to make
peace in the world. *(light candle)*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, and kindle peace in your world.
Shine in our lives whenever we are afraid, to
strengthen our trust in you. Teach our children to
seek peace with justice as they grow. Let their
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!

**** #119** Hope is a star (verse 1 & 2 and chorus only)

Children's time *(children go to class following story)*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: First Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-10 pg. 529
Epistle Lesson: Romans 15: 4-13 pg. 867
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3: 1-12 pg. 738

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Peace Child *(Shirley E Murray/Dan Damon)*

Sermon Give Peace a Chance

****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 #151 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming**

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 #115 Hail to the Lord's anointed**

****Commissioning and Benediction**

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



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James St. Ushers: Ian Semple & Kevin Reid
Office Door Usher: Murray Biggar
Scripture Reader: Norm McComb
Candlelighters: Sheila, Samantha & Jessica Fagan
Refreshments: Phoebe Fraser & Marilyn Johnstone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We say a huge thank you and welcome to Diane Patterson, who is filling in for our organist, Lloyd MacLean, for the next few weeks. Early last week he had to have emergency surgery. We will miss him and wish him a speedy and easy recovery. He will be out for 6-8 weeks. If anyone would like to send him a get-well card, his address is: 33 Silly Acres Lane, Millbrook, RR1, Saltsprings, NS BOK 1P0.

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.

Rev. Andrew needs a couple more readers for the season of Advent. Please contact him if you would like to take part in the service.

A donation has been received in loving memory of parents, Melda & Roy MacGregor from Janet & Brian Hiscott and Susan & Chuck Stallard.

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 the continuing support, as without our help, there would be no Food Bank.

Thanks to all who manned the Salvation Army Kettles yesterday!



Christmas Memory Tree forms (back page of bulletin) 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.

Viola's Place Homeless Shelter has been granted charity status which means they can give income tax receipts for donations now. If you would like to donate, their address is 189 Marsh St., B2H 4R8.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

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.

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



CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE

\$5.00 places one ball on the tree

\$10.00 places two balls on the tree

\$20.00 four balls etc. (or any donation amount you want)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Env. # _____

No. of balls: _____ Amount: _____

In memory of: _____

Donated by:

There will be an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin with all the names on it and who made the donation.

No dollar amounts will be used.

Your donation will be on your receipt of givings at the end of the year or by separate receipt if you don't have an envelope number. **DEADLINE DECEMBER 15.**