



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** #64 Be still and know... (vs 1&3)

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

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In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

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**Call to Worship

**Hymn #290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Prayer of Approach

Kyrie (*Strathdee*) #336 Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy;
Lord have mercy upon us.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Passing of the Peace

Hymn: **#23 I waited for the Lord my God

Children's time

(children go to class following story)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 40: 1-11

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

² **He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

⁴ **Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.**

⁵ Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**

⁷ Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸ **I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."**

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

¹⁰ **I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.**

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

Scripture: First Lesson: Isaiah 49: 1-7 pg. 561
Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 pg. 868
Gospel Lesson: John 1: 29-42 pg. 810

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem Seek ye first

Sermon *And then there were two*

****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** **#177** Christ whose glory fills the sky

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

****Offertory** **#501** Live in charity
Live in charity and steadfast love;
live in charity: God will dwell with you.

****Prayer of dedication**

**** Hymn** **#176** Songs of thankfulness and praise

****Commissioning and Benediction**

****Sending Forth** **#264** Sing amen

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Sing amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, we praise your name, O God.

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James St. Ushers: Heidie & Bert Meyers
Office Door Usher: Murray Biggar
Scripture Reader: Ella Russell
Refreshments: Potluck downstairs (fundraiser Scott Grant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We say a **huge welcome back** to Lloyd MacLean. We all missed you!

A reminder: **Winter Cancellation Policy at First:** Anytime there is a weather watch or warning of bad weather, First's policy is to call the church office and any cancellation notice will be on the phone voice mail message, posted on ECFM 94.1 and the church FaceBook page.

Income tax receipts are ready for 2019. They will be given out at the back of the church for the next couple of weeks before the service, or at the office during office hours. We try to save costs by not mailing them. It's just the total for the year, but if you require a break-down, please contact the office.

It's the new year. All groups are asked to start working on their year-end reports. They may be emailed to the office or submitted manually. Annual meeting is scheduled for **February 23**.

We have received a donation from the Estate of Franklin Campbell.

Job Opportunity: The Office Administrator will be retiring at the end of July. This position will begin the first of September, with full training and on-going support. If you or anyone you know would be interested, they may contact the office by email, phone or personally to find out more about this part-time position.

We have received a thank you note for your expressions of sympathy to Rev. Kenneth & Marilyn MacLeod on the recent death of his mother.

The Anglican Churches of Pictou County seek a part time (22.5 hours) office manager. Contact djh@djharrison.ca

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

Jan. 20 - The Stellarton Ministerial is hosting a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at First Presbyterian Church , Stellarton at 7pm. Everyone welcome. Social hour to follow.

Blood donor clinics: Pic. Co. Wellness Centre – Wed. Jan 22 & Thurs. Jan 23- 12pm-3pm and 5pm-7pm. Friday Jan. 24 12pm – 3pm.

Jan. 25 - 11:00 am - The Salvation Army is having a thank you luncheon for anyone who worked the kettles over Christmas. If you did a turn with the kettles and plan on going, please call Susan at 902-695-2188 and let her know.

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