



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 5, 2020 – Sacrament of Holy Communion

*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 #146 Angels from the realm of glory

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: #169 Il est ne'

Children's time

(children go to class following story)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

¹ Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

² **May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

³ May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

⁴ **May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

⁶ **May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

¹⁰ **May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him.

¹² **For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.**

¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

¹⁴ **He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.**

Scripture: First Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1-6 pg. 570
Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3: 1-12 pg. 891
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-2 pg. 738

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem A Babe was Born *(Dan Damon)*

Sermon **Following That Star**

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

** Hymn **#640** Softly and tenderly

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Communion Hymn **#682 Just as I am, without one plea
(vs. 1-3)

**Affirmation 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 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving **#564**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *(gluten free bread in middle of tray)*

Communion Hymn **#682 vs. 4-6

**Commissioning and Benediction

Sending Forth **#264 Sing amen

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MacLean St. Ushers:	Philip Blackwood & Roger MacDonald
James St. Ushers:	George Bellefontaine & Kevin Reid
Office Door Usher:	Mark Thibeau
Scripture Reader:	Sharon Mason
Refreshments:	Fran Savage, Justin Savage & Shirley MacDonald

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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

Happy 80+ birthday to Ralph Foote on Jan. 12

We have received a memorial donation for Hugh Matheson from Catherine & Shelley.

We have received a donation in memory of Audrey & Raymond MacQuarrie, parents and Annie & George Fraser and Anna & Murray MacQuarrie, grandparents from Brent MacQuarrie & Sara Fullerton.

2020 Church calendars are still available. 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.

It's the new year. All groups are asked to start working on their year-end reports.

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

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



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