



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, February 23, 2020 – **Transfiguration Sunday**

*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  
(verses 1 & 3)

\*\*Call to Worship

\*\*Hymn **#331** The God of Abraham praise

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 **#80** Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth

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

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Responsive Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup> **The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

<sup>4</sup> **The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.**

<sup>5</sup> He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

<sup>6</sup> **"I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.

<sup>8</sup> **Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.**

<sup>9</sup> You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

<sup>10</sup> **Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> **Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.**

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

First Lesson: Exodus 24: 12-18 pg. 60

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1: 16-21 pg. 925

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17: 1-9 pg. 751

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

(arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland)

Sermon **Transfiguring Our Lives**

\*\*Reaffirmation of Faith **#539** The 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 **#635** Brother, sister, let me serve you

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 **#762** When the poor ones

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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



TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

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 Office Door Usher: Roger MacDonald  
 Scripture Reader: Clarice Campbell  
 Refreshments: provided by congregation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE STAY AFTER THE SERVICE for our Annual Meeting** being held in the Upper Hall. Reports are available in the upper hall on the table.  
 THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our lunch.

**Recently doors have been found unlocked and open.** Please ensure when you're leaving the building, that doors are locked for security and insurance purposes. Thank you. FM&S Team



**Congratulations to Justin Savage** who leaves tomorrow for Thunder Bay to participate in the NS Special Olympics for bowling. He is the only athlete from Pictou Co. **GOOD LUCK JUSTIN!**

If you would like to be a part of the **scripture-reading team**, please contact the office and leave your name.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 25** SHROVE TUESDAY – PANCAKE SUPPER 5-7 PM – ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW GLASGOW. Join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with REAL maple syrup, sausage, juice, tea & coffee. Let's share a meal together and prepare for the beginning of Lent. \$7 per person; \$20 for a family of 4 or more.

**March 6** - The 2020 World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Trinity United Church, New Glasgow at 6:00. The New Glasgow Academy Choir is offering a ministry of music for the service. Hospitality, including a traditional Zimbabwean treat, will be offered as people gather. The 2020 service has been written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe. The Women's Inter Church Council is a national ecumenical organization with a mission to empower Christians to pursue justice, peace and reconciliation by standing together in prayer and action. This annual service in one of their projects.



We are in the process of making arrangements for a new church directory. We haven't done one since 2015 and faces have changed with new families coming. The dates are April 16, 17 and 18. You will receive a call from Universal Portrait Studios (beginning on March 30) to set up an appointment, or you may take one of their cards from the bulletin board or doorways and make your own appointment at your convenience. All groups and team leaders should make arrangements for pictures also.

**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*