



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 1, 2020 – **First Sunday in Lent**

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 #49** O hear our cry, O Lord (verse 1)

**Call to Worship

Hymn **#197 Forty days and forty nights

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 **#17 How blest are they whose trespass

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:

One: God placed the humans in the garden of delight

All: to tend it – to enjoy it – to commune with God and one another in it.

One: But we wanted to be in charge,

All: to know everything – to feed our own desires – to have it all.

One: So we turned the garden into wilderness,

All: exploiting it – controlling it – turning our backs on the One who made it.

One: Lord have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

One: Lord have mercy

Let us pray:

Creator God, your steadfast love surrounds us. Teach us the way we should go. Help us to restore the beautiful garden of your creation. Inspire us to live in communion with you, with one another, with the whole of nature, so that all may shout for joy. Amen

First Lesson: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 pg. 2

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5: 12-19 pg. 860

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4: 1-11 pg. 739

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem How long has it been (*Mosie Lister*)

Sermon **Temptation Everywhere**

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 **#209 O love, that wilt not let me go

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

Offertory **#661 We give thee but thine own (vs.1,4)

**Prayer of dedication

Hymn **#200 Lord, Jesus, who through forty days

**Commissioning and Benediction

Sending Forth **#49 O hear our cry, O Lord (vs. 4)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy 80+ March birthday to: Wilfred Marshall (105!!) – March 11; Vivian Ingham – March 12 and Don Johnstone – March 29.

Flowers in the sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of Elizabeth “Betty” Fraser by the family.

I would like to thank all those responsible for my 95th birthday celebration. All the cards, flowers, cake, donations and goodies. They were truly appreciated and totally unexpected. Love to you all! *Emma*

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5 - Session meeting at **7:00 pm.**

March 5 - 6:00 pm - Archway Counselling is presenting their Annual Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction at Plymouth Fire Hall. Tickets are \$30.00. Call 902-752-5193.

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 is one of their projects.

March 5 - Deadline for ordering Beans & Brown Bread Takeout from Sharon St. John United Church. Cost is \$10. Pick up or delivery. Please call 902-752-4943 to order.

March 9 - **Catherine Mair** meeting at 2 pm. “In memoriam” collection.

April 25 – Marriage Preparation Workshop at First Presbyterian Church Hall in Stellarton. \$25.00/couple. To register please call 752-6548 or email sfpc@bellaliant.com. Poster on bulletin board.

Book ahead! May 23 - A workshop at St. James Presbyterian Church in Truro entitled “Sharing the Good News with our Neighbours.” This is free and goes from 9am – 1pm. Poster on the bulletin board with more information and contact info.



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.

From The Rev. Amanda Currie – for Lent Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly

Forgive us for our unkindness towards each other – our family members, friends, and siblings in Christ. We have been rude, dismissive, and impatient with others in person and online, and we are sorry.

Forgive us for our inattention to ongoing oppression and injustice. We have failed to speak and to act for the wellbeing of the poor, the marginalized, and those who continue to suffer in our society, and we are sorry.

Forgive us for our false judgments, uncharitable thoughts, and contempt shown against our neighbours. We have discriminated based on age, gender, language, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and religion, and we are sorry.

Forgive us for our waste and pollution of your creation. We continue to show little concern for the ongoing sustainability of the environment and for those who come after us, and we are sorry.

Accept our repentance, O God.
 Favourably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

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*