



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 15, 2020 – **Third 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 #688 As water to the thirsty

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 #412 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:

One: God led the people of Israel through the wilderness

**All: from slavery to freedom, from scarcity to abundance,
from suffering to songs of praise.**

One: To a thirsty and quarrelsome people, God provided

**All: water from a rock, living water for all, a spring of
water gushing up to eternal life**

One: We are always tempted

**All: to complain and worry, to forget that God is with us on
the journey, to let differences fracture community.**

One: Lord have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

One: Lord have mercy

Let us pray:

Creator God, you are our God and we are your people.

Your love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Let that love open our minds and hearts to your liberating presence always. May our lives witness to your sustaining and refreshing grace - the living water which we are called to share with a thirsty world. So may all people come to know that you are among us in love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Lesson: Exodus 17: 1-7 pg. 55

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5: 1-11 pg. 860

Gospel Lesson: John 4: 5-42 pg. 812

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name

(Michael Smith)

Sermon Justified by Faith

**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 #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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 #410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

**Commissioning and Benediction

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

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Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of Angus B. Mac Donald by Jeannie, Johna and family.

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 MacLean St. Ushers: Claire & Ralph Foote
 James St. Ushers: Robin & Larry MacLeod
 Office Door Usher: Philip Blackwood
 Scripture Reader: Phoebe Fraser
 Refreshments: Barb & Murray Biggar & Nancy Fukes

TODAY - The Worship and Music Team will have a short meeting after church today (March 15). A meeting is also scheduled for Friday, March 20 at 6pm. Please make every effort to attend the March 20 meeting as we would like to take a team photo for the church directory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sharon St. John United Church is challenging us to put in a team for **Bowl for Kids** taking place on April 4. Rev. Andrew has set up a team for **1:00**. Please call the church office (902-752-5691) if you would like to be part of the team.

The people that pack up the food for the Food Bank are asking for **plastic shopping bags** to use when transporting the food. Please bring any bags that you have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20 - Monthly potluck at noon. This is free because it's potluck and everyone is asked to bring something that's ready to eat. It's a social time and will be followed by games, so bring your checkerboard, crib board etc. You are invited to bring a friend or neighbor, as this is not just for our church. Please use the James St. entrance. This is coordinated by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

March 22 - Nursing Home Service at High Crest Place at 2:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and lend their voice to the choir.

March 29 - Sacrament of Holy Communion.



We are in the process of making arrangements for a **new church photo directory**. We haven't done one since 2015. You don't need to buy the pictures, but you'll get a free directory if you get your photo taken. 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. **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN IN THE KITCHEN AREA OF THE LOWER HALL. PLEASE USE JAMES ST. DOOR.** All groups and team leaders should make arrangements for pictures also. You can take the pictures and email them to the church office and they will be sent to Universal Studios (the company doing the directory).

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 with more information.

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.

April 26: -The Church will be holding a Potluck fundraiser immediately following the church service. This will be a Benefit event for the Scott Grant Family, so please come and show your support. May we suggest A-N casseroles, meats, etc, O-Z sweets - cookies, squares, tarts, etc .



As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, our current financial health is not good. One way you can help out is when you're buying your weekly groceries, pick one item up for the church. This would cut down on our operating costs. There is a box by each entryway that you can put your donations in.

- paper for the office (white – 8 1/2 X11)
- salt and sand (winter)
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- fine-grind coffee and tea bags
- clear and blue garbage/recycling bags
- liquid hand soap
- rubber gloves
- large bottles of vinegar
- javex
- stamps for office

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*