



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 8, 2020 – **Second 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 **#764** There's a spirit in the air

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 **#81** Unto the hills around

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

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture:

One: God called Abram and Sarai to leave the familiar,

**All: to go to a new land, to travel in faith, to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.**

One: Jesus challenged Nicodemus

**All: to think new thoughts, to be born of the Spirit, to see the wider world that God loves.**

One: We are always tempted

**All: to stay where we are, to settle for what we already know, to shut out the unsettling Spirit.**

One: Lord, have mercy,

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: Lord, have mercy,

*Let us pray:*

**Creator God, you call into existence the things that do not exist and promise new life beyond our imagining. Our help comes from you. Open us to the leading of your Spirit. Move us from where we are to where you want us to be, trusting always that we are in your gracious presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

First Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-4a pg. 9

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 pg. 859

Gospel Lesson: John 3: 1-17 pg. 811

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem In the stillness of this hour (*Dan Damon*)

Sermon **For God so Loved the World**

\*\*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 **#340** At the name of Jesus

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 **#478** To Abraham and Sarah

\*\*Commissioning and Benediction

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

**Congratulations to Justin Savage** who left February 24 for Thunder Bay to participate in the NS Special Olympics for bowling. He was the only athlete from Pictou Co. and came in 4<sup>th</sup> in his division. Well done Justin!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 10** – 7:00 – 8:30 pm - St. David’s Presbyterian Church in Toney River is hosting a wellness session free of charge. This session is Heads up for Healthier Brains - learn what you can do to reduce your risk of dementia. Guest Presenter Dominic Boyd from Alzheimer’s Association of NS.

**March 14** – 8-11 am. Carmichael Stewart House Museum is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast at the North End Rec Centre. Cost \$10. or child \$5.

**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 20** - deadline to apply for funding assistance to attend the Presbyterian Women’s Gathering in Richmond Hill, Ont. from May 15-18. Information/application form is on the bulletin board.

**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. (tentative to change)

**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. 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. 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](mailto: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.

“WHEN THINGS GO WRONG,  
 AS THEY SOMETIMES WILL,  
 WHEN THE ROAD YOU’RE TRUDGING  
 SEEMS ALL UPHILL,  
 WHEN THE FUNDS ARE LOW AND THE  
 DEBTS ARE HIGH,  
 AND YOU WANT TO SMILE, BUT YOU  
 HAVE TO SIGH,  
 WHEN CARE IS PRESSING YOU  
 DOWN A BIT,  
 REST, IF YOU MUST, BUT DON’T YOU  
 QUIT.”

*John Greenleaf Whittier*

**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*