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**April 11, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**THE APPROACH**

**Prelude - (Brass United Quintet)**

* My Spirit Be Joyful - J.S. Bach
* Kylie Eleison - W. Byrd
* Hail, O Festival Day

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lighting the Christ candle

**Responsive Reading:**

**Lighting the Christ Candle: PLEASE RISE**

ONE: O God, as light comes from this candle, May the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

**ALL: As we now bring fire to this candle wick, making it glow with light, may we also bring the fire of love, to this time of prayer and worship. May this holy candle send forth dancing rays, like sunrise on the most glorious morning, and may these rays of light, encircle us and those we love.
Amen.**

(LIGHT CANDLE)

**Call to Worship**

Hymn #250I danced in the morning

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Hymn #247 – Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35

 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31

Anthem: Solo – Janice Alcorn Was it a morning like this

Sermon: “Is Seeing Believing?”

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Hymn #258 – Thine be the glory

Prayer of dedication

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

Communion Hymn #540One bread, one body vs. 1 & 2

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 Pontuis Plate, 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

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you**.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them to the Lord**.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

ONE:…So now, with all the apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live forever with you in the heavenly kingdom, we join our voices in thanksgiving and in praise to you saying:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

ONE:…Therefore, today we gather in remembrance of the sacrifice that was made for our sakes. We have set aside this bread and this wine, as a celebration feast, a meal of remembrance. In doing so we also give praise and thanksgiving to you Lord God, as we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

**ALL:** **Christ has died,**

 **Christ is risen,**

 **Christ will come again.**

ONE: Let us join together as we lift up our voices and say the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to prey when he said:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Communion Hymn#540One bread, one body vs. 3 & 4

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

**THIS MORNING:**

Scripture Reader: Mark Thibeau

Brass United Quintet: Brent MacQuarrie – Trumpet

 Bob NacMillan – Cornet

 Darien Dewolf – French Horn

 Fred Davison – Trombone

 David Prince - Tuba

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| **ANNOUNCEMENTS****Virtual Hymn Sing:**Our Virtual Hymn Sing is just around the corner and we want to take the time to ask everyone with a Facebook page to “like” First Presbyterian Church New Glasgow’s page: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpresbyterianNG/>.  Once you have liked our page, we would like you to share our post about the Virtual Hymn Sing.  It’s easy to do!  Just hit “Share” at the bottom of the post!  While you are on the Facebook page there is a teaser video of what you will see and hear during the Virtual Hymn Sing.  Share this as well!  And as everyone can see, whether you live near or far, it is easy to donate to our Virtual Hymn Sing!  You can donate either by cash or check to the office, or you can donate via e-transfer!  And we have many viewing options to suit everyone’s needs!  You can access a link which will be sent directly to an email and you can enjoy the Hymn Sing in the comfort of your home, you can receive a DVD to watch at your leisure and as many times as you would like or you can come to the viewing at First Church on April 18th at 3pm!  So, let’s get talking about our Virtual Hymn Sing with everyone we know and get the word out there to all family and friends of First Presbyterian Church New Glasgow.**F.A.I.R. Hearts:**Fundraising efforts continue by members of F.AI.R. Hearts. We are still in need of bedroom dressers, nightstands/bedside tables and twin size bedding. These items can be picked up by contacting a F.A.I.R. Hearts member. Financial donations are also needed. All donations can be made at the church office.  Members of F.A.I.R. Hearts from First Church are:  Rev. Andrew MacDonald (902-331-0322), Sharon Mason (902-752-0724), Sara Fullerton (902-754-2142), and Brent MacQuarrie (902) 616-7787).  Sincere thanks to all who have donated funds and items thus far. **Request For Yarn:**Betty MacDonald is knitting afghans for cancer patients and is looking for donations of yarn. If you can help out, please drop your yarn off to the church office. **Assistance With Tax Returns:** For 25 years, Larry Ingham has been providing his services in preparing tax returns for low income people with the CVITP at no charge. You can contact Mr. Ingham at 902-752-1639. **COVID rules apply**.**In Memorium**: The congregation extends our condolences to Marion MacIntosh on the loss of her brother-in-law, Morris Stewart.**Birthday Wishes:**Happy Birthday to Ralph Holmes! We extend belated wishes to Ralph who celebrated his birthday yesterday.**Reminder**: If you are a key holder, please make sure you double check that the outer doors are locked when you are leaving the church.  |

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Geddie Clean Up Days are planned for April 22, 23 and 24 – Everyone is invited to come and help clean up the grounds whenever you are free. The priority is clearing brush from the Chapels and trails. Bring a lunch, dress accordingly and bring your own equipment. Thank you for your on-going support of Camp Geddie. Chris MacDonald, Property Committee, Camp Geddie.

Today - 12:15 - Music & Worship Team will meet after church

April 15 – FAIR Hearts will meet Thursday, at 7:30 pm

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**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