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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**October 10th, 2021**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Harvest Sunday”**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle: Please Rise**

ONE: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.  As this light shines, let the goodness of our Lord shine through us to the world.  And when you leave this service of worship, share this light with those you love and the world, so no one need dwell in darkness.

**All: Come, Lord, and grant us peace.**

ONE: Let us now prepare our hearts to worship almighty God.

**Musical Introit – Hymn #299 (v. 1)** – “Holy, holy, holy”

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #428 –** “We love your house, O God”

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn:**  **#528 - “**Jesus calls us here to meet him”

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17

**Epistle Lesson:** Hebrews 4:12-16

**Gospel Lesson** – Mark 10:17-31

**Anthem -** Choir

**Sermon:** "Give All, Gain More!"

**Hymn: #509–** “Thanks to God whose word was spoken”

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayer of the People**

**Hymn: #787 –** “The kingdom of God is justice and joy”

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Scripture Reader:** Sara Fullerton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL CARE:**

* In order to provide support to the people of First Church, when you or a loved one is sick or in hospital, we encourage you to contact the church (902-752-5691), Reverend Andrew (902-331-0322) or Phoebe Fraser, Chair of the Pastoral Care Team (902-752-4728), to inform us directly. It is also important that you inform the hospital that you would welcome a visit from your minister and/or your Elder.

**F.A.I.R. HEARTS - IMPORTANT UPDATE:**

A group of people posing in front of a body of water

Description automatically generatedThe Al Qass Matte family, unfortunately, remains in a refugee situation in Istanbul, Turkey at this time.  They have been living under extremely difficult and unsafe living conditions for over 8 years now, and the situation is taking a serious toll on both their physical and mental health.  The children are unable to attend school there, and the adults are unable to legally work.  Despite this the eldest daughter is doing some work to earn monies to support the entire family.  FAIR Hearts has recently written to the federal Minister of Immigration as well as other federal and provincial representatives to advocate for a concrete resolution to this situation and bring the family to Canada.  FAIR Hearts is ready now to receive the family and we continue to raise the needed funds for their support.  We are nearly there.

In order for the family to immigrate to Canada as refugees, they are required to be interviewed by the Canadian Embassy in Turkey and if requested, have medicals completed.  They were contacted for interviews in March 2020, but the interviews were subsequently cancelled with no reason given, and no further contact from the Canadian Embassy.  This is an extremely frustrating situation for the family and for FAIR Hearts, we are concerned that their files may have been lost.  This was the reason for writing to the federal Minister of Immigration. To date we have not received any response.

We wish to sincerely express our appreciation for all your monetary supports and generous donations of household items.  The nursery/storage area is full!

FAIR Hearts asks for your ongoing prayers of support for the Al Qass Matte family. We remain hopeful and committed to bringing them to Pictou County to start their new lives.

FAIR Hearts members 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).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* There will be choir practice Thurs., Oct. 14th at 7:30 p.m.
* The Congregation has been invited to attend the Anniversary Service of Saint Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, (the Kirk), next Sunday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m., therefore there will be **no service** here at First on Oct. 17th.
* Following service at the Kirk on Oct. 17th, the Worship and Music Team will meet back here at First Church.

**CONDOLENCES**

* The Congregation extends sincere condolences to Judy and Jack Marshall on the passing of Judy’s father, Robert Chisholm.

**NOTES & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

* Middle River Church, 59 E. Fraser Crossroad, will host a Quilt/Craft Tea and Sale, Sat., Oct. 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission $5.00.  Masks & social distancing required.
* Camp Geddie is planning a fall “Work Day”, Sat., Oct. 16th, to prepare to close the Camp for the season.  If you are able to help, please bring any tools/equipment which might be useful, and bring a box lunch.  Thank you for your continued support. Chris MacDonald, (902) 485- 4011.

**THANK YOU!!**

* First Church extends its appreciation and thanks to Andrew Alcorn for building and installing a beautiful new cabinet for our Soundboard. This new cabinet blends in nicely with the surrounding sanctuary woodwork while providing more secure and safe storage for the sound system equipment.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

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* The Congregation would like to extend birthday wishes to Lilian Ross who celebrates her birthday Saturday, October 16th!!

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* The Congregation extends congratulations to Mark Thibeau who was recently recognized for 12 years with the Corp of Commissionaires.

Minister: Rev. Andrew MacDonald (c) 902-331-0322

Organist: Lloyd MacLean

Office hours: Tues. to Fri. – 10 -1pm

Rev. MacDonaldoffice hours -Tues. to Fri. 10-2 or by appointment

**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

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