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**First Presbyterian Church**

**208 MacLean Street, New Glasgow**

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**Reverend Andrew MacDonald**

**April 10th, 2022**

**Palm Sunday**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle: Please Rise**

ONE: We light this candle to remind us of the presence and the love of Christ that is with us all.  Lord, your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.  Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand?  For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

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

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

**Musical Introit - #213 – “**Hosanna”

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #** - **218 – “**Hosanna, loud hosanna”

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Lord’s Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn:**  **#217 –** “Ride on, ride on in majesty”

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9**

**Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40**

**Anthem –** “Filled with excitement” (trans. G.C. Suppe/Ruben Ruiz Avila, Book of Praise 215)

**Sermon – “Even the Stones will shout out!”**

**Hymn: #204 -** “Thou didst leave thy throne”

**Offertory Prayer**

**Reaffirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed – Please rise**

**Prayer of the People**

**Hymn: #327** - “Sing praise to God who reigns above”

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Scripture Reader:** Chet Fleming

**Ushers –** Brent MacQuarrie and Sandra Arthur

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**F.A.I.R. HEARTS – NEW UPDATE:**

The Al Qasse Matte family have successfully completed their medicals and now await their Canadian Visas and travel arrangements. Hopefully this will not take too long but a time frame is unknown. We have reached our fundraising goal due to an extremely generous donation. We will continue with our FAIR Hearts Facebook 50/50 draws, if there is interest, as additional funds will come in handy for future expenses. Once we are advised of travel arrangements, we will purchase new bedding and pillows for each of the family members so they have a nice fresh bed to sleep in on their first night in Pictou County. We thank all who have so generously donated money, furniture and household items for the family.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

* **Maundy Thursday** – Apr. 14th – 7 p.m. – A Taize Service (Upper Hall)
* **Good Friday –** Apr. 15th –Please join us on Good Friday, April 15th, for a Service of Hymns, Scripture, and Reflection.  The congregations of First Presbyterian Church and St Andrew’s, the Kirk, will be joining together for this service at 3 p.m. The significance of this time of day is that many scholars believe it was at 3 p.m. when Christ died on the cross.
* **Sunrise, Easter Sunday,** Apr. 17th, 9 a.m. – Laurie Park, weather permitting
* We will celebrate Communion Easter Sunday
* **Today** – Session will meet at 12:30 p.m. today after service

**IN MEMORIAM**

The bulletin this morning is dedicated in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Fraser from Edna and family.

A donation has been received from Elaine MacDonald in loving memory of her parents, Daniel (Bud) MacDonald and Margaret (Weagle) MacDonald.

**READERS FOR EASTER SERVICES**

Reverend Andrew needs 3 readers for each Good Friday and the Easter Sunday Sunrise service. If you are available and willing to help, please contact him directly (902-331-0322) or contact the office.

**LILIES FOR DECORATING THE CHURCH**

A limited number of Easter lilies (10) have been reserved for sale and will be used for decorating the sanctuary for Easter. If you would be interested in purchasing one, please fill in a form, available in the sanctuary today. You can leave the form in the office or give it to Sharon or Ruth Anne. The cost is $12.00 each. You can leave the lily in the sanctuary after Easter service or take it home to enjoy.

**Income Tax Returns** - For the 27th year, Larry Ingham is preparing tax returns for low-income seniors. You can reach Larry at 902-752-1639.

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Description automatically generatedBIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

We send our best wishes to Ralph Holmes as he celebrates his birthday today, and to Larry Ingham who will celebrate his birthday Saturday, April 16th.

**CAMP GEDDIE**

Camping Season will resume this summer. Planning is underway and staff are excited to welcome back all young people! Check out the Camp Geddie website (campgeddie.ca) for all dates, registration and rate information.

**JOB POSTINGS**

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces has 2 roles to fill. Both are full time, 3-year contract positions for Synod Camping and Youth Consultant and Director of Synod Camp, Camp Geddie. For details, visit the Synod website or contact the 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

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