**September 25th, 2022**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** (Please rise if you are able)

One: With the loyal you show yourself loyal; with the blameless you show yourself blameless; with the pure you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you show yourself perverse.   
For you deliver a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness. This God—his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

**ALL: O Come Lord, and light our path, show us Your way!**

(Light the candle)

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

**Musical Introit - # 625** "Seek ye first "

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

and his righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

seek and ye shall find;

knock, and the door shall be open unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

3 We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Allelu, alleluia!

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #764 –** “There’s a spirit in the air”

1. There’s a spirit in the air,

telling Christians everywhere:

“Praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world!”

1. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,

tell the world what God has done:

God in Christ has come to stay.

Live tomorrow’s life today!

1. When believers break the bread,

when a hungry child is fed,

praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world.

1. Still the Spirit gives us light,

seeing wrong and setting right:

God in Christ has come to stay.

Live tomorrow’s life today!

1. When a stranger’s not alone,

where the homeless find a home,

praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world.

1. May the Spirit fill our praise,

guide our thoughts and change our ways,

God in Christ has come to stay.

Live tomorrow’s life today!

1. There’s a Spirit in the air,

calling people everywhere:

praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world.

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

# Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

# Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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, and the power, and the glory,

# forever. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn #689** – “Simply trusting everyday”

1 Simply trusting every day,

trusting through a stormy way,

even when my faith is small,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

Chorus Trusting as the moments fly,

trusting as the days go by,

trusting him what eer befall,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

2 Brightly doth his Spirit shine

into this poor heart of mine;

while he leads I cannot fall,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

3 Singing if my way be clear,

praying, if the path be drear,

if in danger, for him call,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

4 Trusting him while life shall last,

trusting him till earth by past,

till within the jasper wall,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Epistle Lesson:   1 Timothy 2:1-7

**Gloria Patri**

# Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Gospel Reading:  Luke 16:1-13

**Anthem – “**On Eagles Wings**”**

**Sermon:** *“*A Turn of the Season*”*

**Hymn: #626 -** “Lord of all power”

1 Lord of all power, I give you my will,

in joyful obedience your tasks fulfil.

Your bondage is freedom,

your service is song,

and, held in our keeping,

my weakness is strong.

2 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,

rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.

What eye has not seen

and what ear has not heard

is taught by your Spirit

and shines from your word.

3 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;

I praise and adore you for all you impart:

your love to inspire me,

your counsel to guide,

your presence to cheer me,

whatever betide.

4 Lord of all being, I give you my all.

If eer I disown you, I stumble and fall;

but, sworn in glad service

your word to obey,

I walk in your freedom

to the end of the way.

**Offertory Prayer**

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

# 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, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at 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

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: #774** - “God Forgive My Sin”

1 God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name,

I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name,

and in Jesus’ name I come to you

to share his love as he told me to.

Chorus He said:

Freely, freely, you have received;

freely, freely give.

Go in my name and because you believe

Others will know that I live.

2 All power is given in Jesus’ name,

in earth and heaven in Jesus’ name,

and in Jesus’ name I come to you,

to share his power as he told me to.

**Benediction**

**Coral Response: Threefold Amen**

**Recessional**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate and serve one another.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sept. 25th** – We welcome the Sunday School children today. Please spread the word and invite any children you think would like to attend.

**Tonight, 7:00 pm**. - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Westville, is hosting a Hymn Sing. A freewill offering with proceeds to go toward the purchase of heat pumps. All welcome!

**Oct. 1st -7th** - Big Brothers, Big Sisters will celebrate Seniors Week. They are recruiting the 55+ community to serve as mentors to children ages 6 to 18. **Oct. 6th** they will host a tea (sandwiches and sweets) between noon and 2 p.m. at their offices at 323 MacGregor St., New Glasgow. (Guests are asked to wear masks till seated for lunch.) If you’re interested in learning more about the “Between Generations” initiative, contact Miriam Leslie, Coordinator at 902-752-0043 or 902-752-6260.

**Oct. 2nd** – Session has called a Congregational meeting to be held following service, Sunday, Oct. 2nd, to discuss the immediate financial concerns of the church. Please see the August Financial Statement attached.

**Sun., Oct. 2nd, 2:00 p.m.** - A concert of musical hits of the 60's & 70's will be held in support of Holy Name Church, 1664 N. Main St., Westville, 2pm - Tickets $20. Contact Ron MacDonald at 902-396-7883. (**Performers**: Rhonda Brown, Angela Campbell, Art Coleman, Cecely Gilby,Randy Gilby, Ernie 'Storm' Johnson, Greg MacDonald, Ron MacDonald,Hannah MacDonald, Sandy MacKay, Sally O'Neill, Paul Tupper)

**Oct. 29th** - 10:00am to 3:00pm - Life and Mission will meet at  First Church, New Glasgow. Lunch to be provided; open to all church congregation members.

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Description automatically generatedLorraine MacLean will celebrate her birthday, Thursday, Sept. 29th. From all of us at First, Happy Birthday Lorraine!

**VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS**

**Scripture Reader**: Chet Fleming

**Ushers:** Phoebe Fraser and Phyllis O’Brien

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR – SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE**

We invite everyone to join us after services on Sunday for a time of fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. It’s a great opportunity to reconnect with folks you don’t see regularly or haven’t seen during the pandemic. If you would like to help on occasion (providing refreshments; setting up, clean up etc.), please contact Cathy Lewis at 902-752-6660.



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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

This morning’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of Christy “Nan” MacMillan by Rev Andrew, Natalie and Bridget MacDonald