**October 23rd, 2022**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

One: Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

**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 - #455** "Day by day "

Day by day, dear Lord,  
of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly,  
to love thee more dearly,  
to follow thee more nearly,  
day by day.

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #412 –** “Come let us sing to the Lord our song” - vs.1,2,4

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:

we have stood silently too long;

surely the Lord deserves our praise,

so joyfully thank God for our days.

1. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;

God’s living waters will never fail.

Surely the Lord will help you to stand,

strengthened and comforted by God’s hand.

1. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,

and walk with each other following your way;

our precious brothers and sisters will grow

in the fulfilling love they know.

1. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing

to the desire of all living things.

Come, all you creatures, high and low;

let your praises endlessly flow.

**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 #449**  – “Lord, listen to your children praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying;

Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love; send us power; send us grace!

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

Epistle Lesson:   2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**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 18:9-14

**Anthem –** “Amigos de Cristo/friends of the Lord ”

**Sermon:** *“*DREAMS*”*

**Hymn: #348 -** “Tell me the stories of Jesus”

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;

Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;

Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

1. First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,

And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;

words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,

all in the love light of Jesus face.

3 Tell me about the disciples from far and near,

and I will listen among them eager to hear.

Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,

showing the people God’s tenderness?

4 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,

Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee;

And how the Master, ready and kind,

Chided the billows and hushed the wind.

5 Into the city I’d follow the childrens band,

waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

one of his heralds, yes, I would sing

loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

**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: #803**  - “Come, ye thankful people, come” – vs. 2,3,4

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,

raise the song of harvest home;

all is safely gathered in,

ere the winter storms begin:

God, our Maker, doth provide

for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God’s own temple, come:

raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God’s own field,

fruit unto God’s praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown,

unto joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear,

then the full fruit shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we

wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,

and shall take the harvest home;

from the fields shall in that day

all offences purge away;

give the angels charge at last

in the fire the tares to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store

in God’s storehouse everymore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come

to thy final harvest home:

gather thou thy people in,

free from sorrow, free from sin;

there, forever purified,

in thy presence to abide.

Come, with all thine angels, come:

raise the glorious harvest home.

**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**

**Today – 2:30** – We will worship this afternoon with the residents of High Crest Place (the old Norfold Hotel). Please join us if you can.

**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.

**Oct. 29th –** 4-6p.m. (or til sold out) – Hot turkey dinner at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Pictou Landing. Pantry table as well. Cost: $15.00 for adults; $7.50 for children12 and under. Eat in or take out.

**Oct. 30th** – We are hosting a potluck after service on Oct. 30th, to welcome the Al Qass Matte family, who arrived in Pictou County in July. We hope they are settling into their new home and welcome them to First Presbyterian! We are asking congregation members whose last names start with letters “A to P” to bring main course items (casseroles, salads etc.); members whose names begin with letters “Q to Z” to bring dessert items.

**Oct. 30th** – We will celebrate Holy Communion.

**Oct. 30th -** 7 pm - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Pictou (The Kirk), is celebrating 200 years of worship and witness in the community. Come join us next Sunday, for a service of joy and thanksgiving and music.

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our sincere condolences to Jackie and Gary Ross and Jackie’s sister Anne, on the loss of Anne’s partner, Bruce Morton.

**VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS**

**Scripture reader today**: Brent MacQuarrie

**Usher**: Cathy Lewis

We need volunteer scripture readers and ushers. If you are interested in both or either position, please contact the office or Sharon Mason at

902-752-0724.

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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