

**The Love of God**  
**January 1, 2023**  
**A Service of Praise and Prayer**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements:** Sharon Mason

**Call to Worship:** Sharon Mason

**Prayer of Approach:** Larry MacLeod

**Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer:**  
Larry MacLeod

**Scripture 1**      **2 Corinthians 3:1-18** – Mark  
Thibeau

**Hymn #371**                      “Love Divine”

**Scripture 2**      **Proverbs 8:4-21** –  
Teela Billington

**Hymn #373**                      “Jesus Loves Me”

**Scripture 3**      **1 Corinthians 13** –  
Keith MacDonald

**Hymn #209**                      “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

**Offering Prayer:** Kent Williams

## **Anthem**

**Scripture 4**      **Romans 7:14-25** – Lynn Simpson

**Hymn #670**                      “Amazing Grace”

**Scripture 5**      **Luke 24:36-53** – Chet Fleming

**Hymn #499**                      “Tell me the old, old Story”

**Prayers of the People** – Lynne Ann MacLellan

**Scripture 6**      **Luke 18:9-17** – Brent MacQuarrie

**Hymn #631**                      “Jesus Hands were king hands”

**Closing** – Larry MacLeod

## **Sung Benediction**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
Amen

## 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

**An In Memorium donation** has been received in memory of Doug MacLeod from Russell MacIntosh and Family.

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**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Phoebe Fraser will celebrate her birthday this week. Happy Birthday Phoebe!

**Sat., Jan. 7th - 7:00pm - Trinity United Church -** “Tidings of Joy”: The Carillons Singers, an ensemble of female musicians, present their annual Old Christmas concert. Featuring a variety of seasonal music, under the direction of Vivi Chediak and accompanist Karen Crowley, the Carillons will be joined by Nova Brass. Light refreshments will be served following the concert. Tickets are \$15; two for \$25 and can be purchased at Chediak Furniture, by phone (902) 771-0250 or at the door. Children 12 and under are free.

The Christmas Memory Tree was a very successful fundraiser again this year. We raised \$1255.00. Thank you to all who supported it.

### **Reminders:**

- **Sun., Jan. 8** - Beginning next Sunday, we will be holding services in the Lower Hall.
- **2023 envelopes** are ready for pickup on Sunday or from the office.

**Pictou County Food Bank** – With inflation, increasing costs of fuel to get to work or heat homes, the Food Banks in our region are experiencing a huge increase in numbers of those seeking assistance, in some cases, by as much as 25%. Donations are low. If you are able

to contribute, items such as peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauces, canned fish and meats, cereals, personal hygiene and paper products are very useful items. Cash donations allow the food bank to take advantage of sales. All donations welcome.

**NOTE:** Our supply of paper products and sidewalk salt are getting low. If you can contribute to any of these items, it would be appreciated.

**NOTE:** As we return to normal routine in the new year, with meetings, practices, or other events, please be reminded to check the calendar to ensure there are no double bookings of church facilities before you book an event.

## **VOLUNTEER SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS**

**Scripture readers:** The Elders

**Ushers:** David Johnstone and Chet Fleming

**Early Christian Educators:** Lynne Ann and Lois MacLellan



