

**Happy Mother’s Day to all Moms,**

**Grandmothers, Step-moms and Godmothers!**

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**May 14th, 2023**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

One: But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. I must bear the indignation of the Lord,
because I have sinned against him, until he takes my side and executes judgement for me.

**ALL: The Lord will bring us out to the light; We shall see his vindication. We shall not be afraid.**

(Light the candle)

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

**Musical Introit Hymn #625 -** “Seek ye first” vs.1

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

and his righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #371 –** “Love divine, all loves excelling”

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,

joy of heaven, to earth come down;

fix in us thy humble dwelling,

all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,

pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation;

enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit

into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit,

let us find the promised rest;

take away our love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith as its beginning,

set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,

let us all thy grace receive;

suddenly return and never,

never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,

serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray and praise thee, without ceasing,

glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish now thy new creation;

pure and spotless let us be;

let us see thy great salvation

perfectly restored in thee,

changed from glory into glory

till in heaven we take our place,

till we cast our crowns before thee,

lost in wonder, love and praise.

**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 #704 –** “Teach me, God, to wonder”

1. Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see;

let your world of beauty capture me.

*Refrain:*

*Praise to you be given; love for you be lived,*

*life be celebrated; joy you give.*

1. Let me, God, be open; let me loving be;

let your world of people speak to me.

1. Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake,

in your world of loving, my place take.

1. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,

see you in my neighbor when we meet.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Epistle Lesson:   1 Peter 3:13-22

Responsive Psalm 66:8-20 – See insert

**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:  John 14:15-21

**Anthem:** “Deep in my heart”

**Sermon:** *“Promises*!”

**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 sitsat 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.

**Hymn #389 –** “Breathe on me, breath of God”

1 Breathe on me, breath of God;

fill me with life anew,

that I may love what thou dost love

and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,

until my heart is pure,

until with thee I will one will

and do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,

till I am wholly thine,

until this earthly part of me

glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God,

so shall I never die,

but live with thee the perfect life

of thine eternity.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People: The People Respond**

One: God With A Loving Heart

 **ALL: Hear Our Prayer.**

**Hymn #435 –** “All things bright and beautiful”

CHORUS

All things bright and beautiful,

all creatures great and small,

all things wise and wonderful,

in love God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,

each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colours;

God made their tiny wings.

2 The cold wind in the winter,

the pleasant summer sun,

the ripe fruits in the garden,

God made them, every one.

3 The rocky mountain splendour,

the haunting curlew’s call,

the great lakes and the prairies,

the forests in the fall.

4 God gave us eyes to see them,

and lips that we might tell

how great is God almighty

who has made all things well.

**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.

**CONDOLENCES**

We are saddened to hear of the passing of long-time congregant Dorothy Holmes. We send our sincere condolences to her husband Ralph and their family and to her twin sister and best friend, June Smith.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mon., May 15th to Fri., May 19th inclusive –** Rev. Andrew will be away on Study Leave. For Pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Dr. Joon Ki Kim at 902-759-5961.

**Sat., June 10th** **– Yard Sale** - Circle of Friends are requesting donations of used items which you no longer have use for, are in good condition and would be of interest to a yard sale enthusiast. Household items, Christmas decorations, books, etc., **NO CLOTHING** items please. All donations and help would be appreciated. Hoping to have a fun day!

**Sun., June 11th, 2:30p.m. – “Save the Date” -** The Trinitarians and Guests are hosting “A Spring Choral Concert” at Trinity United.

**Thurs., June 15th**, **10:00 a.m.** –The Pictou Presbyterial AMS will be holding their Annual Meeting at Camp Geddie. We would like to invite all members from disbanded Auxiliaries to be our guests. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Condon at marycondon@eastlink.ca or by calling 902-752-0296 by June 7th.

**Recognition of Graduates**: Parents, grandparents, and students - If you are or have a student graduating this year (high school, college, technical school or graduate school) and would like to share the news with the congregation, please let us know, we’d be happy to spread the word! You can call the church office (902-752-5691) or email the name of the graduate along with details i.e. school graduating from, degree obtained, brief description of future plans etc. We welcome news regarding our young people and their accomplishments.

We extend our best wishes to Hendrika VanVeld as she celebrates her birthday on Friday, May 19th. Happy Birthday Hendrika!

We need more ushers to help out on Sundays. If you are interested in being part of the rotating team, please contact Sharon Mason at 902-752-0724 or by email at slmson60@gmail.com

**CONGRATULATIONS ELLEN!!**

We are very proud to share that Ellen Jardine received her certification in CPR and AED this week. Congratulations Ellen!

**Monthly coffee time** – Coffee hour will be held the third Sunday of the month. Next coffee date is May 21st. For anyone who would like to host, please contact Cathy Lewis at 902-759-9649. If you need help setting up the coffee maker or have any questions, contact Cathy.

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS**

**Scripture reader**: Chet Fleming

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office Entry)-Chet Fleming and Fran Savage

 James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

 MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Evelyn MacLellan

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

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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