

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**208 MacLean St., New Glasgow, NS**

**902-752-5691**

**First.church@ns.aliantzinc.ca**

**Reverend Andrew MacDonald**

**902-331-0322**

**yick96@hotmail.com**

**June 11th, 2023**

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**THE APPROACH**

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

One: ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

**ALL: In the same way, let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.**

(Light the candle)

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

**Musical Introit #571-** “Lord, I want to be a Christian” vs. 1

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian

in-a my heart, in-a my heart;

Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn #374–** “Oh for a thousand tongues to sing” vs. 1-3,5

1 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer’s praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of God’s grace.

2 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,

and bids our sorrows cease -

‘tis music in the sinner’s ears;

,tis life and health and peace.

3 He speaks, and listening to his voice

new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;

the humble poor believe.

5 My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

and spread through all the earth abroad

the honours of thy name.

**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 #634 –** “Will you come and follow me” vs. 1,2,4,5

1 Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown;

will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer

in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the “you” you hide

if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found

to reshape the world around,

through my sight and touch and sound

in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true

when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you

and never be the same.

In your company I’ll go

where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow

in you and you in me.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle Lesson:   Romans 4:13-25

Responsive Psalm 50:7-15

**Psalm 50:7-15**

ONE: ‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak,    O Israel, I will testify against you.  I am God, your God.
**ALL: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;    your burnt-offerings are continually before me.**
ONE: I will not accept a bull from your house, or goats from your folds.
**ALL: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**ONE: I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

**ALL: ‘If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.**ONE: Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
**ALL: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.**ONE: Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.’

**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:  Matthew 9:9-13. 18-26

**Anthem:** “All Thy Glory Lord”

**Sermon:** ***“Calling All Sinners!”***

**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.

**Hymn #478** – “To Abraham and Sarah” vs. 1-3

1 To Abraham and Sarah

the call of God was clear:

“Go forth and I will show you

a country rich and fair.

You need not fear the journey

for I have pledged my word:

that you shall be my people,

and I will be your God.”

2 From Abraham and Sarah

arose a pilgrim race,

dependent for their journey

on God’s abundant grace

and in their heart was written

by God this saving word:

“that you shall be my people

and I will be your God.”

3 We of this generation

on whom God’s hand is laid

can journey to the future

secure and unafraid,

rejoicing in God’s goodness

and trusting in this word:

“that you shall be my people

and I will be your God.”

**Offertory Prayer**

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

ONE: Bring Healing

**ALL: Bring Peace!**

**Hymn #651 –** “Guide me, O thou great Redeemer”

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

hold me with thy powerful hand:

bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me now and evermore;

feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,

whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through:

strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield,

be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death, and hell’s destruction,

land me safe on Canaan’s side:

songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

**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**

**Mon., June 12th – 6:30 p.m. –** The Board of Managers will meet

**Tues., June 13th – 6:30 p.m. –** Session will meet

**Today, 2:30p.m. –** The Trinitarians and Guests are hosting “A Spring Choral Concert” this afternoon 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.

**Fri., June 16th - 7 p.m.** - Middle River Presbyterian Church, 59 E Fraser Crossroad, Rocklin will host a variety concert, featuring local talent & FUDGE!  Freewill admission. Hope to see you there.



**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.



Happy Anniversary toSheila and Emerson Dempster who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Fri., June 16th. Congratulations and many more!

An In Memorium donation has been made by Clarice Campbell in memory of her husband, Bill Campbell.

**Monthly coffee time** – Coffee hour will be held the third Sunday of the month. Next coffee date is June 18th. 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**: Sharon Mason

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Brent MacQuarrie and Sara Fullerton

 James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

 MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – John and Brenda Zinck

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

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Minister: Rev. Andrew MacDonald (c) 902-331-0322

Organist: Clare Grieves

Office hours: Tues. to Fri. – 10 -1pm

Rev. MacDonaldoffice hours -Tues. to Thurs. 10-2 or by appointment

**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