

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**October 13th, 2024**

**21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**Harvest Sunday**

**THE APPROACH**

**\*\*Please rise\*\***

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**\*\*Entry of the Bible:**  Please rise

**\*\*Lighting the Christ Candle:**  Please rise

**Introit – #422 –** “Sing a new song unto the Lord” vs. 2

CHORUS:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;

let your song be heard from mountains’ height.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,

singing hallelujah!

2 Rise, O children, from your sleep;

your Saviour now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy,

and filled your soul with song.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #462 –** “All my hope on God is founded” vs.1,3,5

1 All my hope on God is founded

who does still my trust renew;

through all change and chance God guides me,

only good and only true.

Love unknown, God’s alone,

calls my heart to be God’s own.

3 God’s great goodness reigns eternal,

deep in wisdom, passing thought;

light and life are all God’s splendour

bringing beauty out of naught.

Evermore from Gods store

newborn worlds rise and adore.

5 Still from earth to God eternal

sacrifice of praise be done,

high above all praises praising

for the gift of Christ, the Son.

Hear Christ call one and all:

you that follow shall now fall.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

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 #441 -** “Can a little child like me”

1 Can a little child like me

thank the Father fittingly?

Yes, oh yes! Be good and true,

patient, kind in all we do;

love the Lord and do our part;

learn to say with all our heart:

Saviour, we thank you,

Spirit, we thank you,

Great God our Maker, we thank you!

2 For our playing, for our rest,

for the earth in beauty dressed,

for the moon and sun so bright,

for the day and for the night,

for your patient, loving care,

for your bounty everywhere:

3 For the laughter, for the tear,

for the love that meets us here,

for the lessons of our youth -

honour, gratitude and truth -

for the great gift of your Son,

for your work in us begun:

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Joel 2:21-27

**Epistle Lesson**: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**Responsive Psalm** 126

**ONE:** When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

**ALL: Then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’ The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

**ONE:** Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**ALL: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**\*\*Gloria Patri #684**

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen, amen, amen.

**Gospel Lesson:**  Mark 6:25-33

**Anthem –** “Awesome God”

**Sermon:** “Prayers for All!!”

**\*\*Reaffirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)**

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: #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!

**Offertory**

**\*\*Doxology #79**

Praise God from whom all blessings Flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People:

ONE: By your Spirit, O God,

**ALL**: **May our friends see in us signs of a grateful heart.**

**\*\*Hymn: #802 –** “For the fruits of all creation”

1 For the fruits of all creation,

thanks be to God;

for the gifts of every nation,

thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth’s safe keeping,

thanks be to God!

2 In the just reward for labour,

God’s will be done.

In the help we give our neighbour,

God’s will be done;

in our worldwide task of caring,

for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing,

God’s will be done!

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,

thanks be to God;

For the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God;

for the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us,

thanks be to God!

**\*\*Benediction** - Go Now in Peace (Don Besig)

Go now in peace Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day

Go now in faith Steadfast, strong, and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, And show you believe

Reach out to others So all the world can see.

God will be there Watching from above

Go now in peace, In faith, and in love

Amen, amen, amen.

**Recessional**

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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

**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.

**PASTORAL CARE**

In order to provide support to the people of First Church, when you or a loved one is sick or in hospital, we encourage you to contact the church (902-752-5691), Reverend Andrew (902-331-0322) or Cathy Lewis, Chair of the Pastoral Care Team (902-759-9649), to inform us directly. It is also important that you inform the hospital that you would welcome a visit from your minister and/or your Elder.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Thanksgiving Sun., Oct 13th** – Thank you for your contributions to the table. All items will be donated to the Food Bank.

**Wed., Oct. 16th - 6:30-8: p.m. -** River Run Café, 151 Provost St.–Grief & Chat Café – Sponsored by the Pictou Co. Palliative Care Society – Please join us for an evening of shared stories; complimentary coffee and cookies. Facilitator – Certified Grief Recovery Specialist - Bertha Brannen. Free event, no pre-registration required.

**Sun., Oct. 20th**:

* **11:15 a.m.** – There will be no services here at First next Sunday (20th) as we have been invited to worship with the congregation of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, the “Kirk”, for their Anniversary Service.
* **2:30 p.m**. – We will worship with the residents of Glen Haven Manor. All are welcome to join us.
* **2:00 p.m.** – Salem Presbyterian  Church, Greenhill, will celebrate their 175th Anniversary, guest speaker David Sutherland. Music provided by Brenda Bowden and her community choir. Please wear your clan tartan. A piper will be in attendance to welcome everyone. Lunch to follow.
* **4:00 p.m.** – Shaun McLean and Friends will hold a concert in support of “Palliative Care” here at First Presbyterian.

**Oct. 21st – 23rd –** Rev. Andrew will be attending Synod.

**Oct. 26th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. –** Elder Workshop

**Sun., Oct. 27th, 2:30 p.m.** – Knox Blair Church, Garden of Eden (Hwy 347) will celebrate their 150th Anniversary. Please join us for a service of special music followed by a time of fellowship with light refreshments. All welcome.

**Sat., Nov. 23rd 7:00 p.m. –** First Presbyterian Church hosts the AnnualMusical Variety Show, a “Night of Music”. Please join us for a time of music and fellowship. Featured guests: The Bowdens, Ray Stewart, Shaun McLean, The Alcorns, Justin & Keith, Don Haggart, Eric MacNeil, Pam LeBlanc and her Fiddlers, Rev. Andrew and Friends. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Free will offering; light lunch to follow. Everyone welcome!

**REQUEST FOR DONATIONS** – We are in need of donations of paper products, in particular paper towel, Kleenex etc. Any donations are appreciated.

**Happy Birthday!**

We wish Joy Shaw a very happy birthday, Mon., Oct. 21st. Have a wonderful birthday Joy!

**Wed. and Fri. mornings – 10:30-11:30 a.m. -** Chair Yoga is being offered at First Church, in the Upper Hall. For more information contact Monica Beltram at info@monicafit.ca

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Sharon Mason

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – John Zinck

 James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

 MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

**EARLY CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS**: Lynne Ann and Lois MacLellan