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**November 17th, 2024**

**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Legacy Giving 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 – #709 –** “What does the Lord require of you”

1. What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

1. Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
2. To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly

with your God.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #439 –** “When in our music God is glorified”

1. When in our music God is glorified,

and adoration leaves no room for pride,

it is as thought the whole creation cried,

“Hallelujah!”

1. How often making music, we have found

a new dimension in the world of sound,

as worship moved us to a more profound

Hallelujah!

1. So has the Church, in liturgy and song,

in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,

borne witness to the truth in every tongue:

Hallelujah!

1. And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night

when utmost evil strove against the Light?

Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:

Hallelujah!

1. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

And may God give us faith to sing always:

Hallelujah!

**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**

**\*\* Children’s 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:** Daniel 12:1-3

**Epistle Lesson**: Hebrews 10:11-25

**Responsive Psalm** 16

**ONE:** Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’

**ALL: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.**

**ONE:** Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

**ALL: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
   you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

**ONE:** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**ALL:** **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
   my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

**ONE:** You show me the path of life.

**ALL: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**\*\*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 13:1-8

**Anthem –** “His eye is on the sparrow”

**Sermon:** "Beware of being led astray”

**\*\*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: #749–** “Be still my soul”

1. Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side;

bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

leave to thy God to order and provide;

in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

1. Be still my soul; thy God doth undertake

to guide the future wisely, as the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know

the voice that ruled them here on earth below.

1. Be still my soul; when dearest friends depart,

and all is darkened in the vale of tears,

then shalt thou better know God’s love, God’s heart,

who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.

Be still my soul: thy Jesus can repay

from his own fullness all death takes away.

1. Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on

when we shall be forever with the Lord.

when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.

Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,

all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**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: Response

ONE: God, in your mercy

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

**\*\*Hymn: #376 –** “Lord, the light of your love is shining”

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining

in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.

Set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me; shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine;

fill this land with the Father’s glory;

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set you hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow;

flood the nations with grace and mercy;

send forth your word, Lord,

and let there be light!

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,

from the shadows into your radiance;

by your blood I may enter your brightness.

Search me, try me, consume all my brightness.

Shine on me; shine on me.

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,

so our faces display your likeness,

ever changing from glory to glory:

mirrored here may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me; shine on me.

**\*\*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**

**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.



In memorium donations have been received in loving memory of Donald Johnstone from:

* Derek Shaw
* Donald & Janice Rowat
* David & Marilyn Johnstone
* Emma Campbell

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today –** We will have coffee hour after service. Please join us if you can.

**Tues., Nov. 19th – 10:00 a.m.** – Presbytery will be meeting here at First Church, New Glasgow.

**Sat., Nov. 23rd - 1:00pm - 3:00pm – “Christmas at the Kirk”**

* Bake Sale
* Christmas Quilt Raffle
* Sandwiches, tea/coffee & cake
* Admission $5.00

For more info, call: Valerie 905-838-2125

**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! Proceeds for the Church General Fund.

**Thurs., Nov. 28, - 6:00p.m.** – We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. If you are available, we would appreciate your help.

**“Tree of Kindness”** – Sara will be coordinating the Tree of Kindness again this year. Details to follow.

**Sun., Dec. 1st – 2:00 p.m.** – Middle River Church (59 E. Fraser Crossroads, Middle River) will be hosting an “Old Fashioned Christmas Concert”. Featuring James & Samuel Lawrence, Margaret Weir, Katie Marshall and The Cheery Chimes. Donations to our hat, scarf and mitten tree will be gratefully accepted. Hot cider and Christmas cookies will be served.

“**Volunteer Food Landling Course**” – As food handling regulations have become more strict, we are planning a training session in January with instructor Jonathon Cumminger from Sheet Harbour (formerly from Pictou Co.). This course is for all those who prepare and/or handle food at church or other volunteer events. Classes are on Saturdays and run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (**one morning only**). The cost is $45./person. We are asked to choose 2 dates in case either party may

have to cancel (weather etc.) At this time, available dates are Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25th. A registration form will be posted outside the office door, or you can register by calling Jane at the office. Please sign up for the 2 dates that suit you best: subject to change. **We need 10 people to participate; as soon as we have 10, we will set a date.**

**CHAIR YOGA: Wed. (10:30-11:30 a.m.) & Fri. (11:30-12:30 a.m.) -** Chair Yoga is being offered at First Church, in the Upper Hall. For more information contact Monica Beltram at [info@monicafit.ca](mailto:info@monicafit.ca)

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office)

James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

**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