**November 3rd, 2024**

**24th Sunday after Pentecost**

**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?

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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 #12 –** “Lift up the gates eternal” vs.1,3,5,7

Refrain: Lift up the gates eternal; lift up your voices:

the King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

1. See, all the earth is God’s, its people and nations;

God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.

1. Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?

Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.

1. They shall receive forgiveness and have God’s blessing

if they search for God, their Saviour confessing.

1. Come, lift your voices high; be lifted to glory;

the Lord our God approaches, come, shout the story.

1. Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?

We wait the might Lord, our God celebrating.

1. Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;

the King of glory comes in full might and power.

1. Who is this King of glory of whom we’re singing?

Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing.

**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** – “What a friend we have in Jesus” – Rev. Andrew

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Ruth 1:1-18

**Epistle Lesson**: Hebrews 9:11-14

**Responsive Psalm** 146

**ONE:** Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

**ALL: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

**ONE:** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

**ALL: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

**ONE:** The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**ALL: The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**\*\*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 12:28-34

**Anthem –** “Softly and tenderly” – Reverend Andrew

**Sermon:** "Where you go, there I'll go!"

**\*\*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: #611–** “For all the saints”

1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,

who thee by faith before the world confessed,

thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,

thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,

thou in the darkness drear their one true light.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 Oh may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,

fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,

and win with them the victor’s crown of gold.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 O blest communion! Fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;

soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;

sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

7 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;

the saints triumphant rise in bright array;

the King of glory passes on his way.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

8 From earth’s wide bounds,

from ocean’s farthest coast,

through gates of pearl streams

in the countless host,

singing to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

**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 of guidance,

**ALL: Speak into our lives today.**

**\*\*Hymn: #329 –** “Thank you, O Lord of earth and heaven” vs.1,2,5,6

1. Thank you, O Lord of earth and heaven,  
   thank you for all your love has planned;  
   thank you for food and daily blessings,  
   gifts from your ever gracious hand.  
     
   2. Thank you for such a great salvation,  
   mercy as boundless as the sea;  
   thank you for love which died to save us,  
   love which gave all to set us free.

5. Grant us, because of all your mercies,  
lips which proclaim our thanks and praise;  
lives which, in loving glad surrender,  
serve and adore you all their days.  
  
6. Glory to God our heavenly Father;  
glory to Jesus, God the Son;  
glory to God the Holy Spirit;  
glory to God the Three in One.

**\*\*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.

**IN MEMORIUM**

An In Memorium donation has been received from Karen Garner, Stony Plain, Alberta, in memory of family members: parents Vera and Arnold Campbell, brother Glen Campbell and her aunt Katherine Stewart. Ms. Garner has requested a hymn be sung in their honour; Reverend Andrew will sing “Softly and Tenderly” as requested.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Today, 2:30 p.m. –** We will worship with the residents of Valley View Villa this afternoon; everyone welcome.

**Today – 2:00 p.m.** - First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton is hosting their 99th Anniversary with a Song Service featuring Ray Stewart, Jeannie Cameron, Amelia Parker, Ken Rockey, Samuael and James Lawerence, Shirley and Charlena Teasdale, Randy and Cecely Gilby and Mi-Hee Chon. Free will offering. Fellowship and refreshments in the church hall following the service. Everyone welcome!

**Mon., Nov. 4th – 6:30 p.m.** – The Board of Managers will meet.

The Board would like to thank everyone for the response to our request for paper products.

**Thurs., Nov. 7th – 6:30p.m**. – The Worship & Music team will meet.

**Sun., Nov. 10th** – Next Sunday we will hold our Remembrance Day Service. Session will meet following services.

**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.

“**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.**

**CAMP GEDDIE:** We have received a newsletter from Camp Geddie recapping all the activities and updates from 2024; fundraising projects, 2025 camp dates etc., projects they are working on staffing applications and camper registration for 2025. Rev. Andrew has posted the Newsletter in the Upper Hall.



We extend our best wishes to Sandy MacIntosh who will celebrate his birthday, Sat., Nov. 9th. Happy Birthday Sandy!

**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:**

**Reader:** Brent MacQuarrie

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office)

James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

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