

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Reformation 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. 3

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!

3 Glad my soul for I have seen

the glory of the Lord.

The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised,

I know my Saviour lives!

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #466 –** “Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet”

1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

praise the Lord with the harp and lute,

praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,

praise the Lord in the city square,

praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,

praise the Lord in the dark of night,

praise the Lord in rain or snow

or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,

praise the Lord on the highest hill,

praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,

praise the Lord with the pipe and string,

praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,

praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,

praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,

praise the Lord in the time of joy,

praise the Lord every moment;

nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,

praise the Lord in your work or play,

praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

**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 -** Brian and Brenda Bowden

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Epistle Lesson**: Hebrews 7:23-28

**Responsive Psalm** 34:1-8, 19-22

**ONE:** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**ALL: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

**ONE:** I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

**ALL: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

**ONE:** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**ALL: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**\*\*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 10:46-52

**Anthem –** Brian and Brenda Bowden

**Sermon:** "Come weeping, leave restored!"

**\*\*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: #385 –** “Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

1 Like the murmur of the dove’s song,

like the challenge of her flight,

like the vigor of the wind’s rush,

like the new flame’s eager might:

come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ’s body,

to the branches of the Vine,

to the church in faith assembled,

to her midst as gift and sign:

come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,

with the ceaseless voice of prayer,

with the power to love and witness,

with the peace beyond compare:

come, Holy Spirit, come.

**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**

**\*\*Hymn: #689 –** “Simply trusting every day”

1 Simply trusting every day,

trusting through a stormy way,

even when my faith is small,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

Chorus:

 Trusting as the moments fly,

trusting as the days go by,

trusting him what e’er befall,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

2 Brightly doth his Spirit shine

into this poor heart of mine;

while he leads I cannot fall,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

3 Singing if my way be clear,

praying, if the path be drear,

if in danger, for him call,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

4 Trusting him while life shall last,

trusting him till earth by past,

till within the jasper wall,

trusting Jesus, that is all.

**\*\*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

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**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**

**Today, 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!

“**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.

**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:** Clarice Campbell

**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

**Friendly reminder:**

