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**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**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 of the Christ Candle

**Introit –** “Make a joyful noise” vs. 1 (Linnea Good)

Chorus

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with with a song!

Verse 2

Enter these gates, thanks giving.

Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.

Worship your God with a song!

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #374 –** “Oh for a thousand tongues to sing” vs.1,2,4,5

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.

4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,

your tongues again employ;

you blind, behold your Saviour comes,

and leap, you lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

and spread through all the earth abroad

the honors of thy name.

**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 -** “They are called grateful” - Angela Cromwell

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15   Page 36

**Epistle Lesson**: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50   Page 878

**Responsive Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

**ONE:** Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**ALL: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**ONE:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**ALL: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

**ONE:** Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**ALL: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight in abundant prosperity.**

**ONE:** The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**ALL: The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

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

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 Lesson:** Luke 6:27-38   Page 788

**Anthem** – “I can do nothing alone” - Angela Cromwell

**Sermon:** "Love For Everyone!"

**\*\*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: #462 –** “All my hope on God is founded” vs. 1,2,4,5

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.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,

sword and crown, betray all trust;

what our care and toil establish,

tower and temple, fall to dust,

but God’s power, hour by hour,

is my temple and my tower.

4 Daily does Almighty Giver

bounteous gifts on us bestow,

God’s desire our soul delighting,

pleasure leading where we go.

Love will stand at God’s hand;

joy will wait on God’s command.

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.

**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: The People Respond

ONE: God of the whole human family,

**ALL: Hear our prayers for your world.**

**\*\*Hymn: #751 -** “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

**\*\*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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**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 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.

We extend our sincere condolences to Laura and the family and friends of John Macumber. Mr. Macumber passed away in Moncton, NB, on February 8th. He will be missed by all of us at First Presbyterian.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Meetings** – There are no meetings scheduled for this week.

**Today** – Please join us after service today to celebrate Emma’s 100th birthday! Light lunch and birthday cake will be served.



**Tues.., Feb. 25th** Claire Foote will celebrate her birthday! Happy Birthday Claire!

**Fri., Mar. 7th – 1:00 p.m.** - World Day of Prayer service will be held at Bethel Church Hall, Pictou Landing. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Everyone welcome. Please register with by calling Mary Condon at 902-752-0296 or by email: marycondon@eastlink.ca.

**Note**: We have received additional copies of Norman Munro’s books “Where Two or Three are Gathered”. Copies are available in the sanctuary or from the office.

**Sun., Mar. 16th (time to be announced)** - The Geddie Committee is hosting a Mystery Event in Pictou. Hints about the event will be posted on their social media during the first two weeks of Feb. Mark the afternoon of Mar. 16th on your calendar; it’s going to be a fun, family-friendly event to support and promote Camp Geddie!

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Jennifer Thibeau

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Fran Savage

 James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

 MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

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

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