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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**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 – #202** – “We lay our broken world in sorrow at

your feet” vs.1,6

1 We lay our broken world

in sorrow at your feet,

haunted by hunger, war and fear,

oppressed by power and hate.

6 O Spirit, on us breathe,

with life and strength anew;

find in us love, and hope, and trust,

and lift us up to you.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #87 -** “When God restored our common life (Tune 510)”

1 When God restored our common life

our hope, our liberty,

at first it seemed a passing dream,

a waking fantasy.

A shock of joy swept over us,

for we had wept so long;

the seeds we watered once with tears

sprang up into a song.

2 We went forth weeping, sowing seeds

in hard, unyielding soil;

with laughing hearts we carry home

the fruit of all our toil.

We praise the One who gave the growth,

with voices full and strong.

The seeds we watered once with tears

sprang up into a song.

3 Great liberating God, we pray,

for all who are oppressed.

May those who long for what is right

with justice now be blest.

We pray for those who mourn this day,

and all who suffer wrong;

may seeds they water now with tears

spring up into a song.

**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**

**\*\*Childrens’ Hymn #203 -** “When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee” vs. 1,4,6,7

1. When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,

Heal us, heal us today!

the deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

1. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord,

Heal us, heal us today!

his faith made him whole and his sight was restored.

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

1. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos

Heal us, heal us today!

to make the sick whole and to spread the good news.

Heal us Lord Jesus!

1. There’s still so much sickness and suffering today.

Heal us, heal us today!

We gather together for healing, and pray:

Heal us, Lord Jesus!

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 46:16-21 (p. 559)

**Epistle Lesson**: Philippians 3:4b-14 (p. 895)

**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; 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.

**ALL: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

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:**  John 12:1-8 (p. 821)

**Anthem –** “Deep in our hearts”

**Sermon:** “You will always have the poor”

**\*\*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: #209 –** “O love that wilt not let me go”

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,

I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

that in thine ocean depths its flow

may richer, fuller be.

1. O Light that followest all my way,

I yield my flickering torch to thee;

my heart restores its borrowed ray,

that in thy sunshine’s blaze, its day

may brighter, fairer be.

1. O Joy that seekest me through pain,

I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

and feel the promise is not in vain

that morn shall tearless be.

1. O Cross that liftest up my head,

I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust life’s glory dead,

and from the ground there blossoms red,

life that shall endless be.

**Offertory**

**\*\*Doxology**

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

**\*\*Hymn: #321 –** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” vs.1,3,4

1 Praise to the Lord,

the Almighty who rules all creation.

My soul, praise God

who alone is your health and salvation.

Come, all who hear,

sisters and brothers draw near,

joining in glad adoration.

3 Praise to the Lord,

who will prosper your work, who defends you;

surely God’s merciful goodness

here daily attends you;

ponder anew

what the Almighty can do,

when in great love God befriends you.

4 Praise to the Lord,

and with all that is in me adoring,

all who have life and breath,

come with glad praises outpouring!

Let the Amen sound from God’s people again:

now and forever adoring!

**\*\*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.



We extend our sincere condolences to Hendrika and Hank VanVeld on the loss of Hendrika’s sister in the Netherlands.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Meetings:**

* **Today, 2:30 p.m. –** We will worship with the residents of High Crest Home (Forbes St. location).
* **Thurs. Apr. 10th – 6:30 p.m.**  – Worship and Music will meet.
* **Sun., Apr. 27th – 3:00p.m. – Memorial Hymn Sing** –

The Worship & Music Team is in the early stages of planning the hymn sing. We are looking for your suggestions for the congregational hymns that will be sung that day and will choose those hymns from your suggestions. Please submit your suggestions to any member of the W&M Team by March 30th.

* **Sun., Apr. 13th, - 3:00p.m.** - Union Presbyterian Church, Thorburn, is hosting a Memorial Hymn Sing in remembrance of loved ones we have lost, honoring someone special to us, or someone who may be going through a difficult time in their lives. Performances by: Kenny Rockey, Westville Salvation Army Worship Team, Valerie and Michael Crichton, Bonnie & Pastor Alan Klein and the combined choirs of Union Presbyterian and Little Harbour Presbyterian Church. Following the Hymn Sing, we invite you to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship in the Church Hall. To make a request or a donation, contact Liz Archibald, 902-931-0041 or Jane Taylor, 902-755-4408 (**requests must be submitted** **by Apr. 6th**). Hope to see you there!



Today, we send birthday greetings to Ralph Holmes who will celebrate his birthday, Thursday, April 10th. Happy Birthday from all of us Ralph!



Congratulations Ellen, on your very generous donation to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in memory of your dad, Harry Jardine. He would be very proud of you and so are we!

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Jennifer Thibeau

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Chet Fleming

 James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

 MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

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