**June 1st, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**General Assembly 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 –** “People Pray” B. Harding



**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #267 –** “Rejoice, the Lord is King” vs.1,2,4,5

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King,

your sovereign Lord adore;

give thanks, O mortals, sing

and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;

rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 For Christ the Saviour reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when Jesus purged our stains,

he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;

rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4 He sits at God’s right hand

till all his foes submit

and bow to his command

and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice,

rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5 Rejoice in glorious hope,

for Christ the Judge shall come

and take the faithful up

to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice;

rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

**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 - #268 –** “All hail King Jesus” (x2)

All hail Emmanuel!

King of Kings,

Lord of Lords,

Bright Morning Star!

And throughout eternity

I'll sing Your praises.

And forevermore, I will reign with You.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Acts 16:16-34 – p.845

**Epistle Lesson**: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17 – p.945

**Responsive Psalm** – Psalm 97

**ONE:** The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**ALL: Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.**

**ONE:** The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory. All servants of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

**ALL: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O God. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

**ONE:** You who love the Lord, hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

**ALL: Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

**\*\*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 17: 20-26 - p.826

**Anthem –** “Like a shepherd” – Bob Dufford

**Sermon:** "Prayers of ALL!"

**\*\*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 #764** - “There’s a spirit in the air vs.1,4-6

1. There’s a spirit in the air,

telling Christians everywhere:

“Praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world!”

4. Still the Spirit gives us light,

seeing wrong and setting right:

God in Christ has come to stay.

Live tomorrow’s life today!

5. When a stranger’s not alone,

where the homeless find a home,

praise the love that Christ revealed,

living, working, in our world.

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,

guide our thoughts and change our ways,

God in Christ has come to stay.

Live tomorrow’s life today!

**Offertory**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*\*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**

**\*\*Hymn - #703** – “Happy the home when God is there”

1 Happy the home when God is there,

and love fills every breast,

where one their wish, and one their prayer,

and one their heavenly rest.

2 Happy the home where Jesus name

is sweet on every ear,

where children early sing his fame,

and parents hold him dear.

3 Happy the home where prayer is heard

and praise is quick to rise,

where parents love the sacred word

that makes the simple wise.

4 Lord, let us in our home agree,

this blessed peace to gain;

unite our hearts in love to thee,

and love to all will reign.

**\*\*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.

**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.

Today we extend our sincere condolences to Marie Matheson-Battist and family on the loss of their husband and father, James (Jimmy) Rae Battist.

**UPCOMING FIRST CHURCH EVENTS**

**Meetings:** There are no meetings scheduled this week. **Reminder**: Session will meet next Tues., June 10th at 6:30 p.m.

**Today – 2:30p.m.** – We will worship with the residents of Glen Haven Manor. Services have returned to the recreation room downstairs at the back of the building.

**Reminder –** Please spread the word about our new service - “Downtown Ministries - A Contemporary Service of Prayer, Meditation, Fellowship and Music”, every Sunday at 6:00p.m.

**Wed., June 4th, 5:00 p.m.** – The Ladies of First Church are gathering at East Ave. Restaurant for a delicious meal, friendship, idle chat and laughs! If you would like to attend, please contact Marilyn (902-922-2859) so she can reserve seats for all. Everyone welcome!

**Best Wishes to the VanVelds!!**



Hank and Hendrika VanVeld will celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on Sat., June 7th!! We send them our love and best wishes!

**EVENTS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN …**

**Today - 4:00 p.m.** - The Carillon Singers, a Pic. Co. women’s vocal ensemble, invite you to a heartfelt journey through the musical soul of the Appalachian Mountains in their upcoming concert, “Voices of the Wildwood”, taking place at Glasgow Square Theatre, 155 Riverside Pkwy, New Glasgow. Special guests, “The Dogies”, this one-of-a-kind performance will delight with a selection of songs rooted in the Appalachian music tradition as it evolved into the beloved genres of bluegrass and country. Dust off your cowboy boots and your finest denim, for an afternoon of authentic charm with soaring harmonies and foot-stomping rhythms. There will be prizes for best western attire! Doors will open at 3:30pm and bar service is available. Tickets are $25, $15 for students, available online via Showpass, at Chediac Furniture in New Glasgow and at Curious Crows Coffee in Stellarton.

**Sun., June 8 at 4:00 p.m.** – The Trinitarians and Friends present a spring choral concert “Raise Your Voices” with violin, flute and vocalists, under the direction of Monica Punke, Keri Shepherdson, Assistant Director, and Sandra Johnson, Accompanist. Please join us for an afternoon of “Songs of Longing, Love, Light and Levity”. Admission is by donation.

**\*\* Please Note – All announcements for the bulletin must be received by Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.**

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Brent MacQuarrie

**Ushers**: Main Door (Office) – Ian Semple

 James St. – Ruth-Anne MacIntosh

 MacLean St. (Main Entrance steps) – Ellen Jardine

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