**August 10th , 2025**

**Ninth 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 –** Hymn #713 “Lord, O Lord our God”

Lord, O Lord our God,
join with us; share the life of your people;
Jesus the Son of God,
join with us; share the life of your people;
Lord, O Lord our God,
show that you're one with us,
one with the helpless, the poor and the humble,
who pray for oppression to cease,
one with your children, in fear and in poverty,
bringing us all to your peace.

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #425 –** “We praise you, O God”

1 We praise you, O God,

our Redeemer, Creator,

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you;

we kneel and adore you;

we bless your holy name;

glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you; God

ever-faithful, we bless you

through life’s storm and tempest

our guide you have been.

When perils o’ertake us,

you will not forsake us,

and with your help, O God,

life battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,

and gladly our songs

of true worship we raise.

Our sins now confessing,

we pray for your blessing;

to you, our great Redeemer,

forever be praise.

**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 - #308 –** “Lord of all being, throned afar” vs.1,3-5

1. Lord of all being, throned afar,
thy glory flames from sun and star,
centre and soul of every sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!

2. Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
star of our hope, thy softened light
cheers the long watches of the night.

3. Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn;
our noontide is thy gracious dawn;
our rainbow arch, thy mercy's sign;
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

4. Lord of all life, be low, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy everblazing throne
we ask no lustre of our own.

5. Grant us thy truth to make us free,
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 1:1,10-20

**Epistle Lesson**: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

**Responsive Psalm** – Psalm 33:12-22

**ONE:** Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

**ALL: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.**

**ONE:** A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

**ALL: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

**ONE:** Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

**ALL: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

 **\*\*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:**  Luke 12:32-40

**Anthem –** “My soul is thirsting for you” (Steve Angrisano)

**Sermon**: "Empty words and deeds"

**\*\*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 #672** - “Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult” vs.1,2,4,5

1 Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult

of our life’s wild restless sea;

day be day his voice still calls us

saying, Christian, follow me.

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it

by the Galilean lake,

turned from home and work and kindred,

leaving all for Jesus’ sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship

of the vain world’s golden store,

from each idol that would keep us,

saying, Christian, love me more.

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,

days of toil and hours of ease,

Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,

Christian, love me more than these.

5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,

Saviour, may we hear your call,

give our hearts in glad obedience,

serve and love you best of all.

**Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*\*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.

**\*\*Hymn - #671** – “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

Come unto me and rest;

lay down, thou weary one, lay down

they head upon my breast!

I came to Jesus as I was,

weary and worn and sad;

I found in him a resting place,

and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

Behold, I freely give

the living water; thirsty one,

stoop down, and drink and live!

I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched,

my soul revived

and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,

I am this dark world’s light;

look unto me, thy morn shall rise,

and all thy day be bright.

I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun,

and in that light of life I’ll walk

till traveling days are done.

**\*\*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.

**UPCOMING FIRST CHURCH EVENTS**

**Tues., Aug. 12th – 6:30p.m.** – Session will meet.

**Note:** Session has decided to return to use of the collection plates during worship services.

**Request for donations**: The Board of Managers is seeking donations of paper products, in particular paper towels and toilet tissue. We thank you for any contributions you can make.

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

**EVENTS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN…**

**Sun., Aug. 17th,****2:00p.m.** - The Festival of the Tartans is coming back! The Kirkin’ of the Tartans will be presented at the log church in Loch Broom.

**Aug. 15th, 7:00p.m**. - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gairloch, will be holding a Variety Concert.

**Aug. 17th, 3:00p.m.**  St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gairloch, will be having their 203rd Anniversary Service with special music by the Thorburn Choir with Margie Weir and  James and Samual Lawrence.

If you are a social person who would enjoy volunteering to brighten someone’s day… **We need you!**

**Available Volunteer Roles:**

* Transportation “Meals on Wheels”
* Nursing supply delivery
* Adult day program

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

**BELATED BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS!!**



Today we extend belated birthday wishes to:

**JULY:**

July 19th - Marion Johnstone

July 19th - Gerald Thompson

July 21st – Gerry Wadden

July 23rd – Hank VanVeld

July 26th – Vivian MacDonald

**AUGUST:**

Aug. 1st – Wayne Withers

Aug. 6th – June Smith

Aug. 9th – Frances Kennedy



We also extend our warm wishes to the following couples who celebrated their anniversaries in July:

**JULY**:

July 3rd – John & Betty Gladwin (61 years)

July 8th – Fran & Clark Savage ( 53 years)