

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Tenth 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 #477 –** “Your hand, O God, has guided us” vs.1,3,4

1 Your hand, O God, has guided

your flock from age to age;

the wondrous tale is written

full clear on every page;

our forefathers knew your goodness,

and we their deed record,

and both of this bear witness,

One church, one faith, one Lord

3 And we, shall we be faithless?

Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?

Shall we evade the conflict,

and cast away our crown?

Not so; in God’s deep counsels

some better thing is stored:

we will maintain, unflinching,

One church, one faith, one Lord.

4 Your mercy will not fail us,

nor leave your work undone;

with your right hand to help us,

the victory shall be won,

and then by earth and heaven

your name shall be adored,

and this shall be their anthem,

One church, one faith, one Lord.

**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 - #571 –** “Lord, I want to be a Christian” vs.1,2,4

1 Lord, I want to be a Christian

in-a my heart, in-a my heart;

Lord I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

2 Lord, I want to be more loving

in-a my heart, in-a my heart;

Lord I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus

in-a my heart, in-a my heart;

Lord I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Epistle Lesson**: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Responsive Psalm** – Psalm 82

**ONE:** God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgement: ‘How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

**ALL: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.’**

**ONE:** They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**ALL: I say, ‘You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’**

**ONE:** Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to 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 12:49-56

**Anthem –** “Joy of my desire”

**Sermon**: "Clouds rising!"

**\*\*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 #685** - “How firm a foundation” vs.1,2,4,5

1 How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!

What more can God say

than to you hath been said,

to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!

For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I’ll strengthen thee, help thee

and cause thee to stand,

upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

4 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie

my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:

the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design

thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

5 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose

I will not - I will not desert to his foes;

that soul, though all hell

should endeavour to shake,

I’ll never - no, never - no, never forsake!

**Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of the People:** (The People Respond)

ONE: Faithful God, hear our prayer,

**ALL: And renew our faithfulness.**

**\*\*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 - #468** – “Lord, dismiss us with your blessing”

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,

fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, your love possessing,

triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,

traveling through live’s wilderness.

2 We give thanks and adoration

for your gospel’s joyful sound;

may the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound.

May your presence, may your presence

with us evermore be found.

3 So that when your love shall call us,

Saviour, from the world away,

fear of death shall not appall us,

glad your summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever

live in you in endless day.

**\*\*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.

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**

**This week:** There are no meetings scheduled this coming week.

**Coffee Hour:** If you have time, please join us for coffee after church today.

**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…**

Today,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.

Today, 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.

**Sun., Aug. 24th, 3:00 p.m.** - Old Home Sunday Service: St. John’s Presbyterian Church (The Mountain Church), 1722 MacLellan’s Mountain-Glencoe Rd., Guest Minister: Rev. Grant Johnston. Special Music by Cameron Osgood, Kenney Rockey and Friends. Refreshments will be served.

**Thurs., Sept. 4th, 7:00 p.m.**: Canadian award-winning pianist, Jennifer King, will perform at Merigomish United Church. Jennifer has established herself as a sought-after talent in concert halls across Canada as both a soloist and collaborative artist. Tickets: $20 advance; $25 at the door. For tickets, call Vickie at 902-926-2556

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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 **Anniversary Wishes!!**

Best Wishes are extended to John & Brenda Zinck who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary Fri., Aug. 22nd. We also extend anniversary greetings to Marilyn & David Johnstone who will be celebrating their 56th anniversary, Sat., Aug. 23rd. Happy Anniversary to all of you!!

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Clarice Campbell

**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