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**June 15th, 2025**

**Trinity 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

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**\*\*Call to Worship**

**\*\*Hymn #293 –** “Come, thou almighty King”

1 Come, thou almighty King;

help us thy name to sing;

help us to praise.

Father, all glorious,

O’er all victorious,

come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word;

gird on thy mighty sword;

our prayer attend;

come , and thy people bless,

and give thy word success;

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter;

thy sacred witness bear

in this glad hour!

Thou who almighty art,

now rule in every heart,

and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4 To the great One-in-Three

eternal praises be

hence evermore!

His sovereign majesty

may we in glory see,

and to eternity love and adore.

**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 - #377 –** “Come, children, join to sing”

Come, children, join to sing - Hallelujah, amen!

Praise to our sovereign king hallelujah, amen!

Let all with heart and voice

saved by God’s gracious choice,

now in this place rejoice - Hallelujah, amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high -Hallelujah, amen!

Let praises fill the sky Hallelujah, amen!

Christ calls his people’s friends;

lost, out-cast he defends

with love that never ends - Hallelujah, amen!

Loud now our voices raise Hallelujah, amen!

No power can still our praise - Hallelujah, amen!

On heaven’s blessed shore,

God’s goodness we’ll adore

singing for-evermore - Hallelujah, amen!

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 – p.846

**Epistle Lesson**: Romans 5:1-5 - p.860

**Responsive Psalm** – Psalm 8

**\*\*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 16:12-15 – p.825

**Anthem –** Kevin Murdock – Solo

**Sermon**: “Perseverance”

**\*\*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 #291** - “Thou whose almighty word”

1 Thou whose almighty word

chaos and darkness heard

and took their flight,

hear us, we humbly pray,

and where the gospel day

sheds not its glorious ray

let there be light!

2 Saviour, who came to bring

on thy redeeming wing

healing and sight,

health to the sick in mind,

sight to the inly blind,

now to all humankind

let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,

life-giving, holy Dove,

speed forth thy flight;

move o’er the waters’ face,

bearing the lamp of grace,

and in earth’s darkest place

let there be light!

4 Blessed and holy Three,

glorious Trinity,

Wisdom, Love, Might,

boundless as ocean’s tide

rolling in fullest pride

through the world, far and wide,

let there be light!

**Offertory**

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

**ONE**: God, the Three in One

**ALL**: Hear our 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.

**Offertory Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn - #434** – “For the beauty of the earth” vs. 1,2,4,5

1 For the beauty of the earth,

for the beauty of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise

this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour

of the day and of the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower,

sun and moon and stars of light,

Lord of all, to thee we raise

this our sacrifice of praise.

4 For the joy of human love,

brother, sister, parent, child,

friends on earth and friends above,

for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to thee we raise

this our sacrifice of praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine,

to the earth so freely given,

graces human and divine,

flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Lord of all, to thee we raise

this our sacrifice of praise.

**\*\*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**

**June 15th** – June coffee hour will be held after service today, please join us if you can!

**June 19th** – Our Camp Geddie prayer partner this year is Laila MacInnis. We need 10 cards that will be distributed throughout the summer. If you have the time to write a note to Lalia, it would be appreciated. We would like to gather the cards by June 19th.

**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.

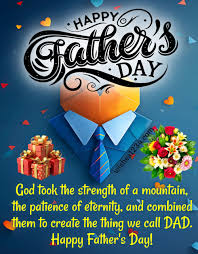
**New Glasgow Music Festival** – We have received a ‘Thank You” note from the Festival committee thanking First Church for our ongoing support of the Festival and it’s participants. The 2026 dates are already tentatively set.

**EVENTS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN …**

**Wed., June 18th, 1:00p.m**. – Annual Meeting of the Riverside Cemetery Company Caretakers of Lorne St., Pioneer and Riverside Cemeteries will take place at 30 Fairway Dr., Abercrombie. For more information call 902-752-2635. Lot owners and all others welcome.

**Wed., June 18th 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m**. – “Coffee House for Camp Geddie” – Coffee, tea, dessert and bake sale. Hosted by St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (the “Kirk”), New Glasgow. Admission - $5.00/person – children under 12, free.

**Sat., June 21 –** “Geddie Spageddie Fundraiser” will take place. Other than “supper time”, expect it will be around 4:30-5:00p.m. Updates will be posted on their FaceBook page. Come meet the summer staff and enjoy their famous ‘spageddie’!



Happy Father’s Day to all the dads! Hope you have a wonderful day!!



Happy Anniversary to our friends Sheila and Emerson Dempster. The Dempsters will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary tomorrow, June 16th. We wish them all the best!

**SCRIPTURE READERS & USHERS:**

**Reader:** Kevin Reid

**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

**Responsive Psalm 8**

**ONE:** O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**ALL: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

**ONE:** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**ALL: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.**

**ONE:** You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**ALL: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**