

## During times of joy and celebration,

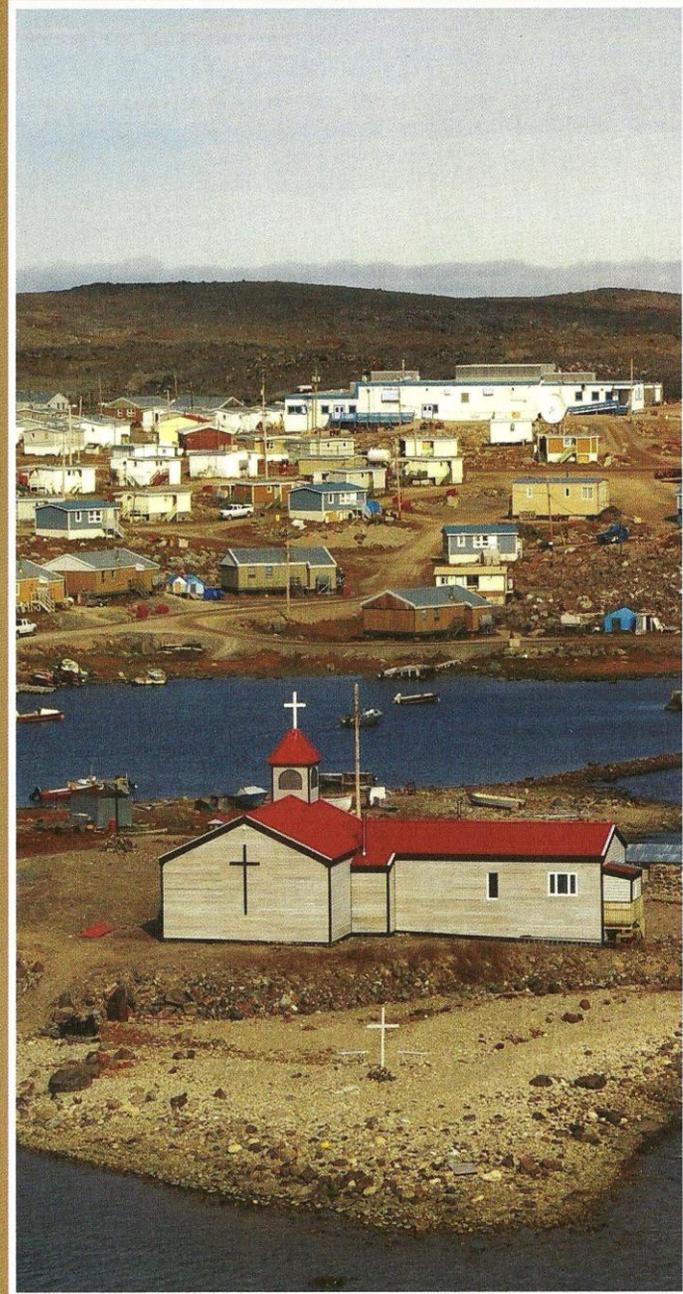
it seems only natural to surround myself with my community of faith. Anticipating our baby's arrival or sharing in the sacrament of baptism was made all the richer by the people who share in the same stories of faith.

While sharing good news and joy with a familiar community seems natural, bringing our doubts, troubles and times of trial can be difficult. Often times, I want to retreat and avoid seeing those familiar faces.

The psalmist reminds me that the light and truth of God brings me back to church, brings me back home to a place of familiarity and comfort even in the midst of personal chaos. The abiding presence of the church, the reminder of God's ongoing role in my life and the community's life, will carry me through the times of darkness.

Lindsay Murray is at home at St. Andrew's in Sackville, NB, with her growing family and her husband, The Rev. Jeffrey Murray. She is currently finishing a Master of Pastoral Studies program.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 2, 2014

## Communion Service

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.  
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison  
Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt      Music Director- Kendall House

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### Introit

\* **Entry of the Bible**

### Call to Worship

\* **Hymn: "God, who stretched" #305**

### Opening Prayer:

**Eternal God of life and of blessing, you created all that exists. In your time, you redeem all situations and heal each soul. And so, it is our greatest joy in life to be united in community to give you thanks and praise. It is not because we fear you, but because we love you and trust your loving kindness that we take refuge in you. We confess that we have been indifferent to your will and have neglected seeking justice. We have heard your call to faithful living, but self-concern and fear have held us back. There is work to be done for your kingdom, but we have been preoccupied with our own plans. Forgive us, O God, and give us courage, so that we may live authentic lives as your good and faithful servants. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "Give Me Jesus"

\* **Children's Hymn: "We are one in the Spirit" #471**  
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

### Children's Time

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Hymn of Preparation

**Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.**

"Be Still and Know that  
I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)  
Please take the time before  
the service as an opportunity  
to quietly prepare your heart  
and mind for worship.



## Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)

Bernice Johnston

Interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church in Canada? Want to make your church membership official? Rev. Susan will be hosting **Membership Classes** from 12:30pm-3:00pm starting today and on **Nov. 9 and Nov. 16**. You must attend all 3 classes for membership. The classes will be happening at the manse next door. Please bring your own lunch, but feel free to use the manse oven or microwave if needed.

The Scout's Popcorn and Mom's Pantry order forms are in the Church office. If you are interested, please feel free to pickup an order form after service today. Completed forms can be dropped off at the Cub meeting at the church on Wednesday, November 5th between 6-8 pm.

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot Street, will be hosting their Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. There will be Craft and Bake Tables, a Loonie and Twoonie Table and much more. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door. For information please call the church office at 345-8823.

There are articles of clothing that have been left hanging around in various areas of the church. If these are yours or you know of someone who can use them please take them. Otherwise after November 15th they will be donated to a goodwill organization.  
Thank you, Board of Managers

### Share the Love - Spread the Warmth

The Craft and Conversation Group is once again inviting the congregation to help with this project. Starting on Nov. 30, a donation box will be available in the church (by the library entrance) to accept donations of handmade or purchased items of warmth (hats, mitts, scarves, socks, sweaters). We will accept donations until Dec. 14, at which time the items will be distributed throughout the community .





**Thank you this week to:**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Patricia Creed  
**Fellowship Time:** Betty Irwin and Marlene Mottys  
**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown  
**Offering Counting:** Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting/Phoning:** Ruth George

**Next week's volunteers: Nov. 9th**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Leslie Shaw  
**Fellowship Time:** Myrna Grace and Lynae Grace  
**Elevator Operator:** Laird Morrison  
**Offering Counting:** Doug & Joleen Brown and Don Munn  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
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**Upcoming Events at First**

Tues., Nov. 4th - More than Mission - 1 pm  
Thurs., Nov. 6th - Bible Study - 10 am  
- Choir Practice - 7 pm  
Sun. Nov. 9th - **Question Period/Sack Lunch?** - noon  
Mon., Nov. 10th - Games/Cards afternoon - 1 pm  
Wed, Nov. 12th - Session Meeting - 7 pm

**The church is no longer collecting milk bags anymore.  
Thanks to everyone who collected and donated previously.**

Rev. Ed. Swayze, from the Mission to Seafarer's, will be the guest speaker at the More Than Mission meeting on Tuesday, November 4th at 1 pm



Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Food Bank.

**Bible Readings:**

1 Thess. 2: 9-13 P. 203 N.T.  
Psalm 42: 1-4 P. 515 O.T.  
Matthew 23: 1-12 P. 25 N.T.

**Gloria Patri:**

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**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.**

**Sermon: "Walk the Talk"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response 434 (v.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.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving Father, we humbly dedicate these tithes and offerings to your use. We are comforted by the knowledge that you will multiply these gifts. Allow this money to become a resource that lifts the shadows of despair from the recesses of people's lives. We recognize that only you can restore faith to the faithless, hope to the hopeless, and love to the loveless. May your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven! Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn: "Holy, holy, holy" #299**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**Jesus is Lord! The Word of God is made real and human in our midst. All things are possible with God. Our thanks and praise rise into the heavens. Even in the midst of this world's dark-**

**ness, we believe that God's love will never be defeated, and that peace will come and be found among us. We believe that God has entered human life. Our journeying is forever accompanied by Jesus, who is the light of the world and is understood in kindness. This we believe and from this we live.**

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And the Lord be with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks

**and praise to the Lord God.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Spirit, Son, and Father, you unfolded time and space and created us to love and be loved, to live on this earth, and tend to it for your glory. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Author, Word, and Breath, you chose your covenant people and you revealed yourself as holy, incomparable, and elusive—as liberator, judge, and compassionate forgiving love. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Grace-full God, whose saving power enlarges us and our capacity for love, setting us free to live in your wonder, hear us as we join our voices with angels and archangels, the saints around your throne, and all creation to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might;**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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Holy One, Holy Three—Lover, Beloved, and Energy of Love, you became human in Jesus, whose love goes beyond our limits, reaching out to good and bad alike and calling us to practice peace, mercy, and kindness, to forgive as we have been forgiven; and to love even our enemies. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Giver, Given, and Gifting, as we share this bread and cup, we remember how Jesus died for us, bore our sins in his body on the tree, defeated the powers of this age, and lives among us here and now, breaking our dividing walls and giving us good news. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Holy Spirit, power and presence of Holy Three, Holy One, make this bread and cup our communion with the body and blood of Christ. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

**Sharing the Meal**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts ....debtors)**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\* Hymn: *"Take my life, and let it be consecrated"* #637

**Blessing**

**Response: Go now in peace** (Besig/Price)

**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.**