

"As God sent Christ to us,

so Christ sends us into the world. We are here to proclaim Christ in word and deed." (*Living Faith* 9.1.1)

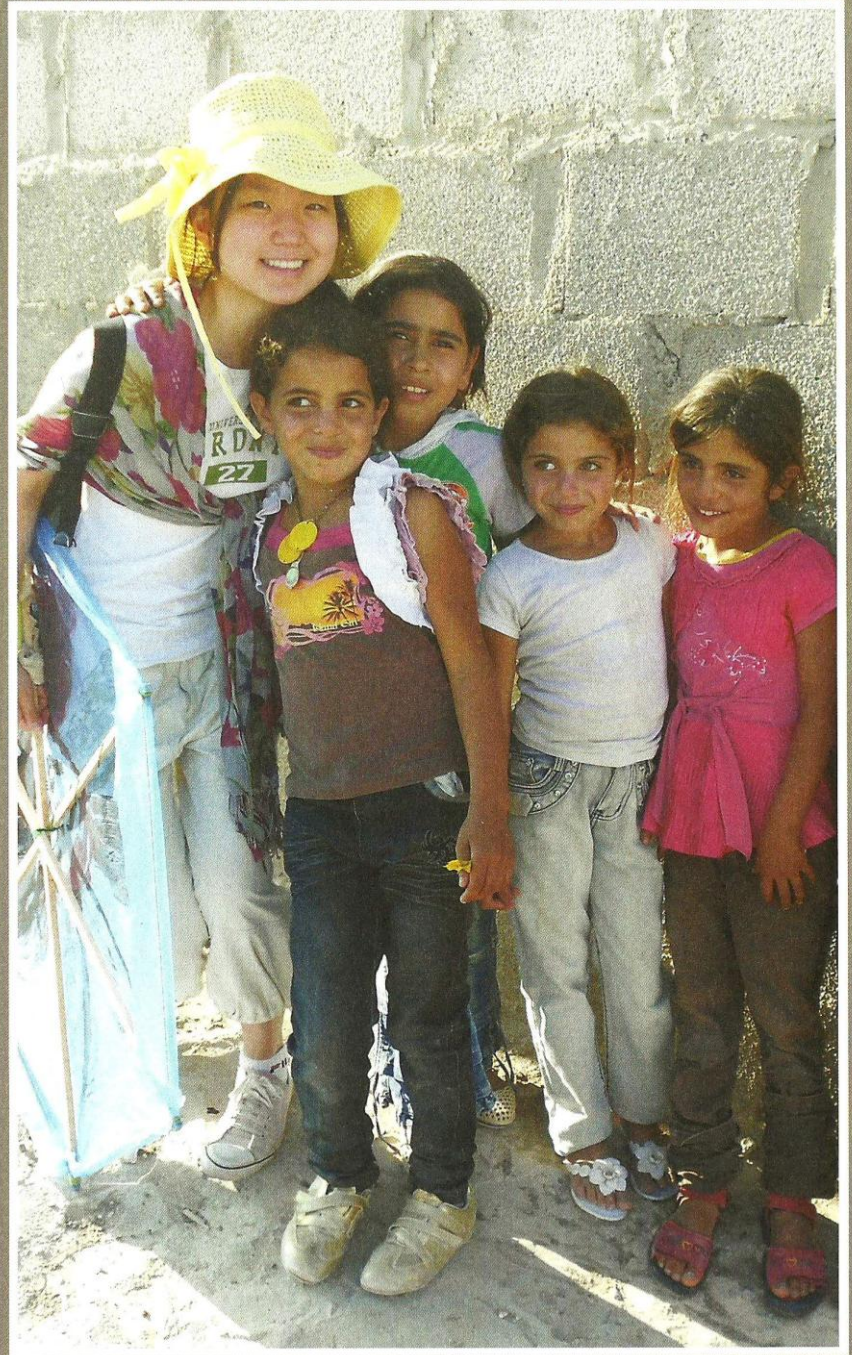
The church is missional by nature; the transformation of the world is foundational to our faith and to Jesus' ministry.

On Mission Awareness Sunday, let us be reminded that our mission is to celebrate God's love, to become instruments of God's righteousness and justice in the world. We are called to strive for justice, peace, freedom and reconciliation among peoples and to live in harmony with creation. Through our worship, learning, teaching, and our daily living we are called to create faithful and reciprocal relationships with one another.

Look to your congregation's mission committee or Women's Missionary Society/Atlantic Mission Society group to become more involved in mission.

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Photo: Aromie Lee on a Youth in Mission trip to the Middle East



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Mission Awareness Sunday

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. Bert Vancook

Pianist - Sheila Rowan Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship:

For God alone our souls wait in silence.

Our hope is from God.

God alone is our rock and salvation.

God is our fortress; we shall not be shaken.

God liberates and protects his people.

God is our refuge and strength.

Trust in God at all times, O people.

We pour out our hearts before the Lord!

For God alone our hearts wait in silence.

Now is the time to break out silence and worship God!

* Hymn: *Lord of Light* #769

Opening Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

* Hymn: *Who's goin' to tell the story* #761
(Children come to the front during the last verse)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 49: 1-6

P. 679

O.T.

Psalms 85: 8-13

P. 543 & 544

O.T.

Matthew 9: 35-38

P. 9 & 10

N.T.

Gloria

594

* Hymn: *To show by touch and word*

#763

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response

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*Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!*

Prayer of Dedication

We remember the child who gave Jesus his bread and fish because Jesus needed some help. Little did the child know this small gift could feed thousands of people. We give our gifts, great and small, that you would surprise us as you bless many in our community and around the world. Through Jesus we pray.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

* Hymn: *May the God of hope*

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Blessing

Response: Sing amen #264.

Thanks to those who helped lead the service this morning: Don Murray, Joan Anderson, Lynae Grace, Ruth George and Donna Johnson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission purpose is to put our faith into action through mission education, community outreach, and personal and financial support both at home and abroad.

Elder Voting

Anyone who picked up their elder voting envelopes last Sunday, please note that there is an updated Elder voting list at the back of the Church. Please take an updated list.

For anyone who has not as yet picked up their envelope, the correct updated elder voting list is already in your envelope.

Thank you for your understanding.



Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Emile Chiasson

Douglas Anderson

Lesley Murray and family

Wayne Wilson

Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lynae Grace

Fellowship Time: Betty Ann Burns and Lorraine Jarvis

Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison

Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting: Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

Next week's volunteers: May 5th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Patricia Creed

Fellowship Time:

Elevator Operator: Terry Stein

Offering Counting: Doug & Joleen Brown and Don Munn

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting: Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

Upcoming Events at First

Thur., May 2nd - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Sunday, May 5th - Communion Service - 11 am

Tues., May 7th - More Than Mission - 1 pm

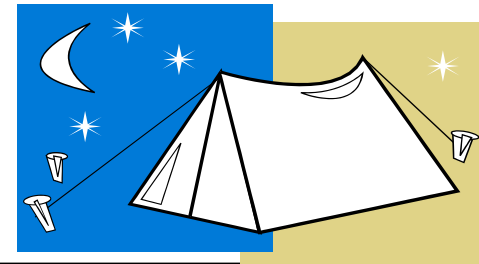
Wed., May 8th - Session Meeting - 7 pm

Rafiki Youth Choir Concert
Saturday, May 4th at 7:30 pm
at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Tickets at the door - Adults \$8
Students \$5

The Scott Woods Swingin' Fiddles concert
Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm
at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Advance tickets - \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (under 12),
free for children under 5. Tickets are at St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church or call 622-4273



Applications to register for summer camp (July 5-11) and/or applications for staff or volunteers are available in the Church Office.