

## During the night, Paul had a vision...

Lectionary Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29; or John 5:1-9.

A vision of an unknown brother in need.

A call to change his course.

A vision that would not let Paul rest  
until he had pursued it, all the way.

In his old age, in exile, John had a vision...

A vision of a dying world resurrected.

A vision he couldn't turn away from,  
no matter how fearsome or confusing it might be.

His days numbered, Jesus cast a vision...

A vision of a community united in obedience  
to his words.

A people of wisdom and confidence, empowered  
by God's Spirit.

A household of faith in which God could  
dwell on earth.

A church with vision, ready to go all the way.

Unafraid, even when the way ahead is unclear.

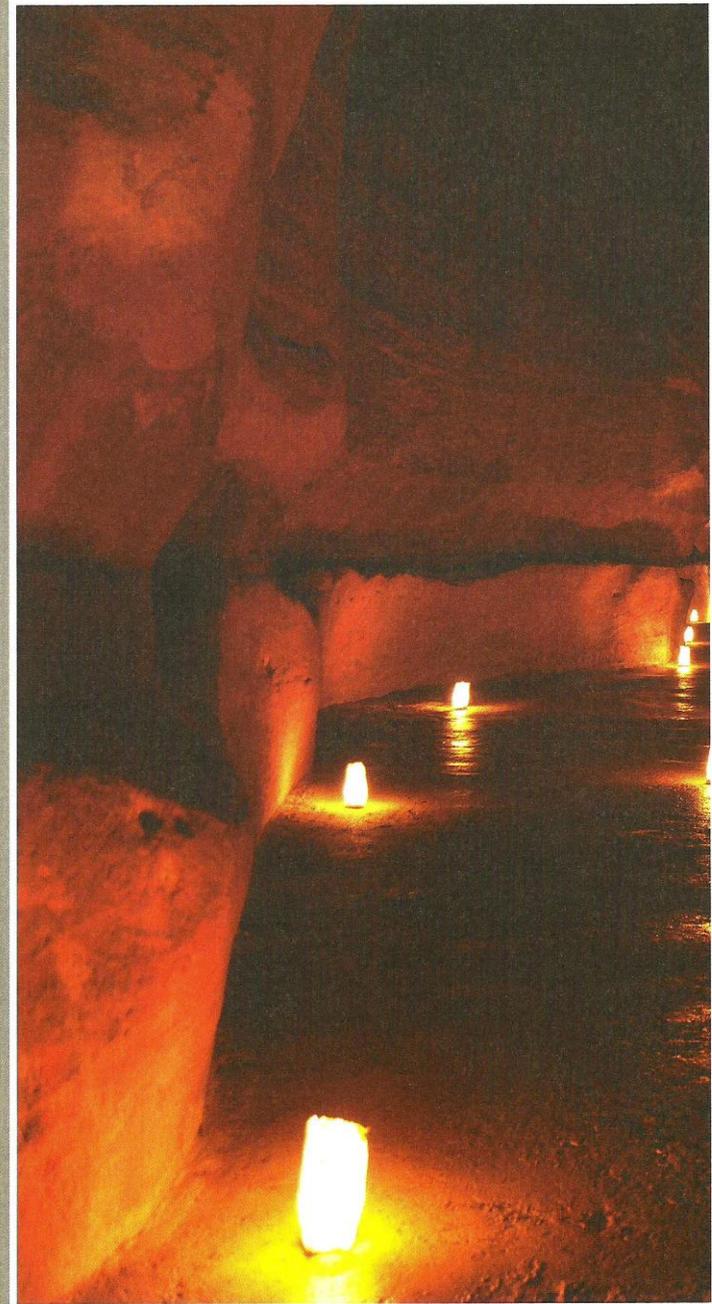
A people at peace, because God is at home with them.

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6th Sunday of Easter



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday, May 5, 2013

### 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. Bert Vancook

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt      Music Director- Kendall House



### Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)  
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Emile Chiasson

Douglas Anderson

Ruth George and family

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Introit

\* **Entry of the Bible**

#### Call to Worship

\* **Hymn:**    *For the beauty*

**# 434**

#### Opening Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

#### Music

\* **Hymn**    *Praise, I will praise*

**# 420**

(Children go to Sunday School 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:

John 5: 1-13

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Psalms 67

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Acts 16: 9-15

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### SATURDAY, MAY 11

SCOUTS GARAGE SALE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

BAKE SALE AND FLEA MARKET AT ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN 9:30 AM -1:30 PM

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.



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



**Thank you this week to:**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Patricia Creed  
**Fellowship Time:** Laird Morrison  
**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

**Next week's volunteers: May 12th**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Richard Noy  
**Fellowship Time:** Gale & Don Munn and Marlene Mottys  
**Elevator Operator:** Alan Irwin  
**Offering Counting:** Kathleen and Cameron Noy  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting:** Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

**Upcoming Events at First**

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|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Tuesday, May 7th    | - More than Mission     | - 1 pm      |
| Wednesday, May 8th  | - Session Meeting       | - 7 pm      |
| Thursday, May 9th   | - Bible Study           | - 10 am     |
|                     | - Choir Practice        | - 7 pm      |
| Friday, May 10th    | - Crafts & Conversation | - 1 pm      |
| Saturday, May 11th  | - Scouts Garage Sale    | 9 am - 1 pm |
| Wednesday, May 15th | - Board of Managers     | - 6:30 pm   |

Gloria

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Sermon

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Tithes and Offerings

\* Offertory Response

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*Live in charity and steadfast love;  
 live in charity, God will dwell with you.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

**You have shown us, O God, what it is to respond to someone in need. And so we bring our offerings, out of thanks for what you have done for us, but also so that together we can respond to people near and far. Bless these gifts. By using them may we learn how to bring justice to our world. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Invitation

\* Hymn: *All who hunger*

# 534

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives; whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth; whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all; and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the common wealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love; and, in the company of the faithful, so to be the church, for the glory of God.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Creator of all things; you commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good.

**You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose our way.**

You set forth your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations you have been patient and kind to all your children.

**Wonderful are your ways, almighty God. Marvellous is your name, o Holy One. You alone are God.**

Therefore with all your people, including those who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, most holy God, for sending your Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners.

**Obedying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.**

Therefore, remembering your mighty acts in Jesus, we take these elements and give you our thanks as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God; pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these elements, that we, and all who share this meal, may be one with Christ and he with us

**We offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, made holy and acceptable by you.**

Fill us with the joy of eternal life, that we may be your faithful people until we feast with you in glory.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.**

**Sharing the Meal**

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

\* Hymn: *How deep the silence*

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**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.**

The session has approved your search committee's recommendation to invite Susan Mattinson to preach for a call at First. She will be here to lead worship and preach on May 26. A congregational meeting to consider a call will be held immediately following worship on June 2.