

**"I still have many things to say to you,
but you cannot bear them now."**

(John 16:12)

When Jesus spoke these words to his disciples, they did not understand. In time, with God's help, the fullness and truth of Jesus' identity, teachings and sacrificial love were revealed.

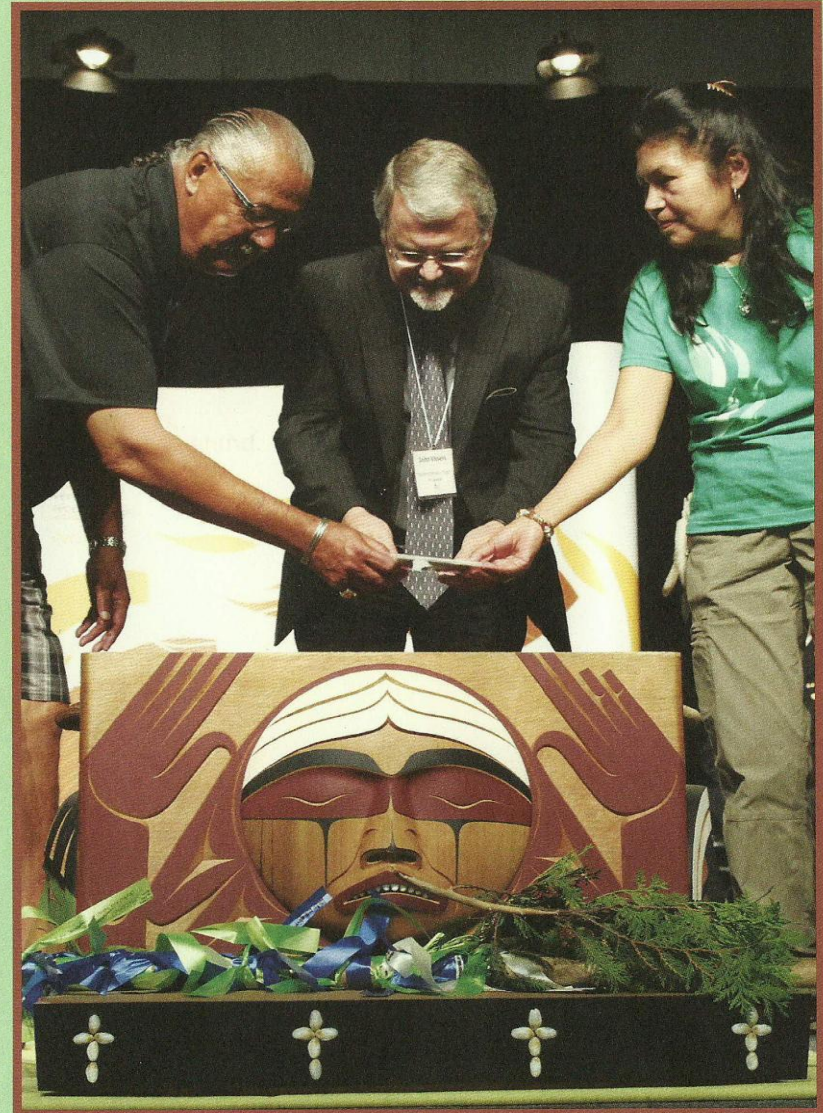
Healing and reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians involves truth-telling and listening. Some of the stories by survivors of their experiences of residential schools are painful and wrenching to listen to.

But I have come to see these stories of truth-telling as gifts – gifts that hopefully set survivors on their healing journeys and gifts that encourage the church to continue in its journey of walking with Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

We don't know where this journey will take Aboriginal people or The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Through the Holy Spirit, the church is invited to be open to fresh encounters with Aboriginal people, encounters based on mutual respect.

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Photo by Stephen Kendall



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Trinity 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

Susan Mattinson

Pianist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* #299

Opening Prayer:

O God, our minds and spirits cannot grasp the majesty of your being. You open yourself to us and enable us to know you through your incarnation in Jesus, our Saviour. Your Spirit seeks daily to open our consciences to your call for justice, love and peace. We confess that we find time for many things, but often we fail to reflect on your voice reaching out to us in the words of Scripture. Our Spirit's voice is stilled in the noise of our lives. Lord have mercy upon us, and grant us your peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Music

* Hymn: *Father, I adore you* #292
(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:

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| Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 | P. 590 & 591 | O.T. |
| Psalms 8 | P. 492 | O.T. |
| John 16: 12-15 | P. 110 | N.T. |

Gloria

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* Hymn: *The clay-stained hands of love* #296

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 501

Live in charity and steadfast love;

Live in charity: God will dwell with you.

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed Provider; thank you for sustaining us minute by minute and day by day. Because of your generosity, we do not need to be anxious about anything. Bless our gifts and talents that we return to you for use in your sustaining work. In Jesus' name; Amen

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

* Hymn: *Glory be to God the Father* # 298

Blessing

Response: *Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name.
Praise his holy name.
Praise his holy name.
To God be the glory now and forever.
Praise his holy name!*

This week the search committee will be available to respond to any questions that you might have about the search process. The members of the committee will be at the church on Wednesday (May 29) from 7-8 pm.

Congregational meeting next Sunday (June 2) after worship to decide on whether to proceed with a call.

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn
Douglas Anderson



Summer 2013 Camp Donations

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please write your name beside what you would be able to provide.

Please bring food, monetary or craft supply donations to the Church Office. Deadline anytime up to June 23rd so we can get the donations to St Andrews the week of June 24th. Thank you.



Pres-B-Camp is fast approaching! Pres-B-Camp is a week long overnight camp for those entering grade 4 to grade 9 in Sept. This year's camp will be held July 5th-11th. Registration forms are available in the church office.. The early registration deadline is June 1st. We are also looking for a couple more counsellors and people to transport supplies to and from the camp if anyone is interested in volunteering.

The Fort William Scouts are having a yard sale on June 15th. If anyone has something to donate please let Don Munn know and arrangements will be made for any donations to be picked up.

Upcoming Events at First

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| Wed., May 29th | - Search Committee: questions & answers | - 7-8 pm |
| Thurs., May 30th | - Bible Study - Choir Practice | - 10 am - 7 pm |
| Sun., June 2nd | - Communion Service | - 11 am |
| Tues., June 4th | - More than Mission potluck lunch wind-up | - 12 pm |

One last chance! Please check the list of names for the wall hanging that will recognize those who donated toward the windows project. We want to be sure that we have correct spellings.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Leslie Shaw

Fellowship Time: Don & Leslie Murray

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon Seabrook

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

Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw

Grass cutting: Terry Casella

Next week's volunteers: June 2nd

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Evelyn Konrad

Fellowship Time: Donna & Fred Johnson

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Terry & Margaret Stein

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

Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw

Grass cutting:

National Women's gathering on human trafficking
June 21-23 in Winnipeg
Registration due May 31st. Information on Mission bulletin board.

Come and celebrate with us and make a difference in Sierra Leone!

CanSerra Organization (Former Friends of Mabureh), is hosting its 4th annual African Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday June 8, 2013, at 6pm.

Tickets are \$15. Thanks for your support!

If anyone is interested in planting in the Church vegetable garden please contact Linda Rydholm at 577-9260.