

In Malawi, I often serve

the world's most destitute, vulnerable and marginalized – people who are in many ways similar to the widow of Zarephath. I do not claim to be very much like Elijah; however, I am able to bring comfort – especially physical support with food and other resources.

The power of God is not primarily found in my service to those who dwell on the margins, but in their ministry to me. More times than I can count, it is the people I serve who are like Elijah as they revive me; my faith and energy are enlivened by them.

The love and power of God is such that each of us can be the widow and each of us Elijah – sometimes in the same moment. In trust we are assured that God will provide for our deepest needs, sometimes from the unlikeliest sources.

The Rev. Mike Burns serves as associate minister at St. James CCAP in Blantyre, Malawi. He is appointed for a three-year term to the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 9, 2013

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *Morning has broken* #814

Opening Prayer:

Dear God; if we have decided to stop growing, with no expectation that you will call us on to new adventures of living and growing, forgive us. If we have seen ourselves as being of little worth, holding our learning and wisdom to ourselves, believing our witness to faith is too ordinary to share, forgive us. If we have regarded other people as having little to give, forgive us. Restore us as your children and honoured friends. Open us to our own gifts and to the gifts of others. Open us to the life that you offer us, for we pray in the name of Jesus our Redeemer.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Music

* Hymn: *What does the Lord require* #710
(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:

1 Kings 17: 17-24

P. 324

O.T.

Psalms 146

P. 581 & 582

O.T.

Luke 7: 11-17

P. 65 & 66

N.T.

Gloria

594

* Hymn: *At the name of Jesus* #340

Sermon

Special Music by Lloyd Jones: **Jesus keep me near the Cross**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 379 (v.4)

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone him, each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving. This is our God the Servant King, he calls us now to follow him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

Prayer of Dedication

We cherish the gifts that you give us, O God, so much that we do not want to keep them to ourselves. So take what we offer, along with every other gift that we have, and help us to use them in the service of others, we ask through your gift, Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

* Hymn: *I know not why* # 683

Blessing

Response: *Go now in peace* (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.

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. There's only **4 more food items needed!!**

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.



Thanks to those who donated towards camperships and provided donations for summer camp

Dorion Bible Camp will be hold two (2) weeks of **Day Camp** at St. Luke's Church (205 Cameron St.) in Thunder Bay. All children from 6 to 12 years of age are welcome to register for a week of "Treasure Seeker" camp. Dates are July 15 – 19 or July 22 – 26. For more information or registration forms contact Tammy at 577-7628 or Donna at 768-1273.

Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader:

Fellowship Time: Margaret and Terry Stein

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Mickey Kennedy, Sandy Allen, Leila Pettigrew

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

Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw

Grass cutting: Bob Vanderploeg



Next week's volunteers: June 16th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandra Allen

Fellowship Time: Gale & Don Munn and Marlene Mottys

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Pat Creed, Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone

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

Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw

Grass cutting: Cameron and Richard Noy



PREZENA HTOO AND DAY PA RAY

thank

all those who helped them celebrate their wedding on May 25

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

Wed., June 12th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., June 13th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Fri., June 14th	- Crafts & Conversation	- 1 pm
Sat., June 15th	- Scouts Garage Sale	9 am-1 pm
Wed., June 19th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm