

The story of Naboth, Ahab and Jezebel

painfully demonstrates the tragic consequences of the exploitive use of power. The oppressive assertion of dominance of one culture over another also resulted in the Canadian legacy of residential schools and a broken relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. There is a need for healing. There is a need for truth-telling and listening. There is a need for reconciliation.

What does reconciliation look like between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people? This is the question before the church and all Canadians as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission continues its mandate. This moment in Canadian history has the potential to transform the relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people from the paralysis of the impacts of five centuries of colonialism.

We are each made in the divine image, but that image is not homogeneous. National Aboriginal Day celebrates Aboriginal teachings and culture, and invites us to experience God's love for creation in humility and as it is expressed by our Aboriginal sisters and brothers.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 16, 2013

Aboriginal Day 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

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *This is my Father's world* #328

Opening Prayer:

Into the universe came light and your power was revealed, O God, in the running wave and the flowing air, in the quiet earth and the shining stars. Out of the dust came life and your image was revealed, O God, in the human face and the gentle heart, in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul. Out of justice came freedom, and your wisdom was revealed, O God, in the need to grow and the will to love, in the chance to know and the power to choose. Out of death came life, and your salvation was revealed, O God, for all people and all places. As we worship together, may your power, your image, your wisdom and your salvation, be revealed in us, through Jesus our Redeemer we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Music

* Hymn: *Who made the earth and the heaven* #339
(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:

Galatians 2: 15-21	P. 188	N.T.
Psalms 5	P. 490 & 491	O.T.
1 Kings 21: 1-16	P. 328 & 329	O.T.

Gloria

594

* Hymn: *Bring many names* #310

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

Help us to use these gifts, O God, in ways that will cause people to sing joyfully of God's creation, that will open the Bible to the curious, and that will bring hope to those who are desperate. We pray in Jesus' name

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

* Hymn: *Praise to the Lord* # 321

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!*

The session is pleased to announce that the congregation has elected the following elders to a six-year term:

Ken House, Laird Morrison,
Brenda Snowdon Seabrook and Terry Stein.

Prayer Concerns:

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



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Sandra Allan
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

Next week's volunteers: June 23rd

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lynae Grace
Fellowship Time:
Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison
Offering Counting: Val Calder and Isobel Telford
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw
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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 **2 more food items needed!!**

Please bring food, monetary or craft supply donations to the Church Office. **Next Sunday (JUNE 23rd)** is the deadline so we can get the donations to St Andrews the week of June 24th.



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. There is only room for a couple more campers. Registration forms are available in the church office.



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

First Presbyterian has received a certificate of appreciation from the "CanSerra Development Organization of Thunder Bay" for being an outstanding contributor to the education of the orphaned and less privileged children in Sierra Leone.

Upcoming Events at First

Wed., June 19th - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm
Thurs., June 13th - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm
Sun., June 23rd - Spring Luncheon after service

The Spring Luncheon will be held after Sunday's service on June 23rd. There will be cold cuts and buns, dessert (ice cream) and tea, coffee and juice. Anyone who wishes to bring salad or squares it would be appreciated.



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