

A mother calls her child home.

The more she calls, the more the child heads in the opposite direction.

Remember when the training wheels were taken off? Her father held on to the back of the bicycle seat and ran beside her until she found her balance.

Remember when an ear infection meant a trip to the hospital at midnight? Healing came as the child was held tightly in the parent's arms.

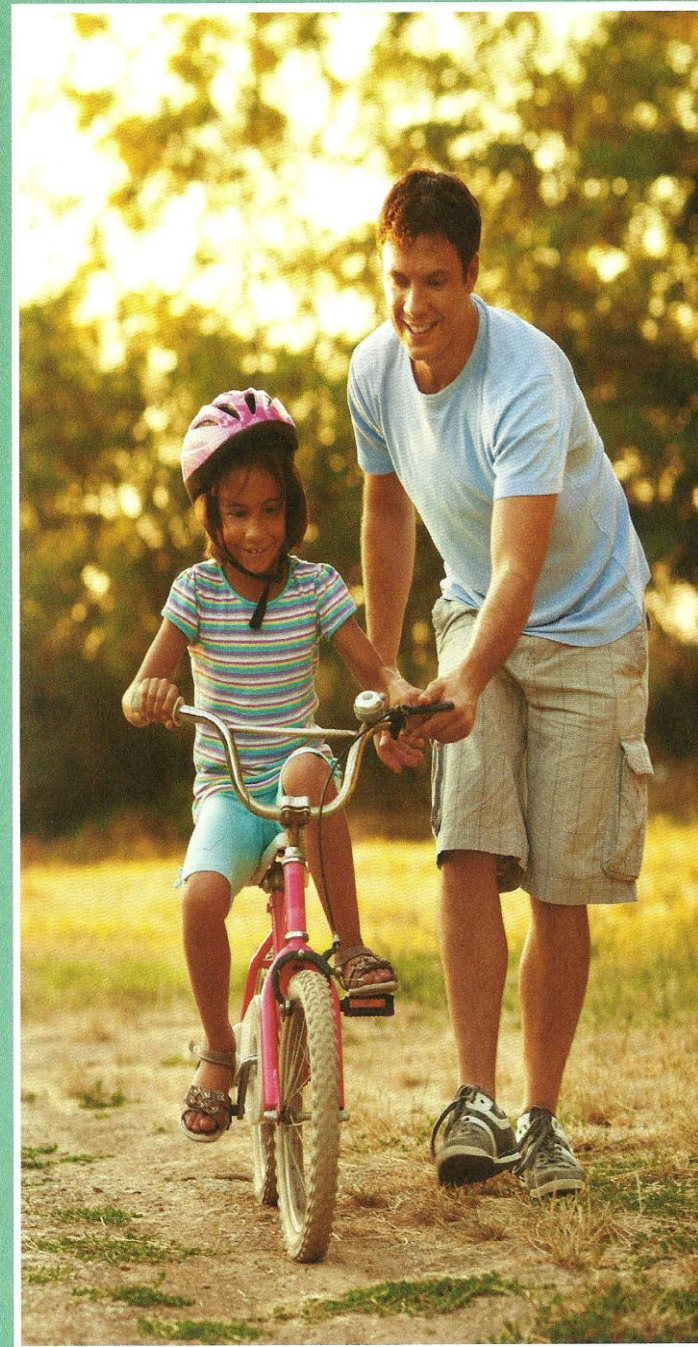
Remember, too, how often the mother lifted up the child and kissed his soft cheek, pressing it against hers? She bent down to him and gave him his supper.

A father calls his child home. The more he calls, the more the child heads in the opposite direction.

And yet the calling continues and never gives up, calling the child home.

Such are the ways of the Divine Parent.

The Rev. Helen Smith ministers among the people of Centennial Church in Calgary, Alberta, and is the earthly parent of three adult children.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, August 4, 2013 @ 10 am
11th 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

The Rev. David Knudson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* **Entry of the Bible**

See Insert - How I Love You

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Those gathered from east and west and north and south are the redeemed of the Lord.

Those who cried to the Lord in times of trouble God delivered from their distress.

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love and wonderful works to humankind.

Let us worship God!

* **Hymn: *To God be the glory* #350**

Prayer of the Day

Litany of Confession: (from Colossians 2: 1-11, the appointed Epistle reading for today)

If then you have been raised with Christ, set your mind on things that are above.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



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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.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones
Fellowship Time: Juice
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon Seabrook
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw

Next week's volunteers: Aug. 11th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lynae Grace
Fellowship Time: Juice
Elevator Operator: Doug Brown
Offering Counting: Terry & Margaret Stein
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Betty Irving and Leslie Shaw

Grass Cutting:

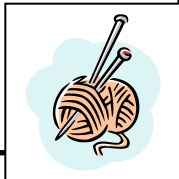
July 28th to Aug. 10th - Doug Brown
Aug. 11th to Aug. 24th - The Karens (Wah Lay Ray)

Upcoming Events at First

Crafts and Conversation will meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 1:00 pm

In August, we will get together on the 9th and the 23rd.

Please bring a project and join us.



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

But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander and abusive language from your mouth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Special Music: "How I love thee" & "Be not afraid" by Lloyd Jones

*** Hymn: Sing them over again to me #498**
(Children come to the front during the last verse)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

**Lord, listen to your children praying;
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love; send us power, send us grace!**

Bible Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2: 18-23	P. 614 & 615	O.T.
Psalms 49: 1-12	P. 518 & 519	O.T.
Luke 12: 13-21	P. 74	N.T.

Gloria

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*** Hymn: Will you come and follow me #634**

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings*** Offertory Response**

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For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Dedication

Our Shield and Defender, you have taught us how to trust your goodness and lay up treasure in heaven; we offer you gifts in response to your Word. We bring you a portion of what our labour has gained in thankful praise for the abundance we have. We give you our souls in humble obedience, for in Christ we inherit eternal life. Be pleased with our offerings; they are signs of your mercy. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

* Hymn: *Great is thy Faithfulness*

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Blessing

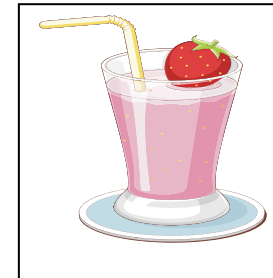
Response: Sing Amen 264

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.
Sing amen. Amen we praise your name, O God.
Sing amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen,
we praise your name, O God.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.
Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.
Asithi. Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,
Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

**Prayer Concerns:**

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



A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Everyone is invited to Fellowship Time downstairs following this morning's service.

Next week's (Aug. 11th) Worship leader(s):

Janet Racey and Linda Rydholm (elders)

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit would like to remind everyone of the Ontario Healthy Smiles program. The Dental program is for children under the age of 18 from low-income families who do not have access to dental coverage through work or another program.