

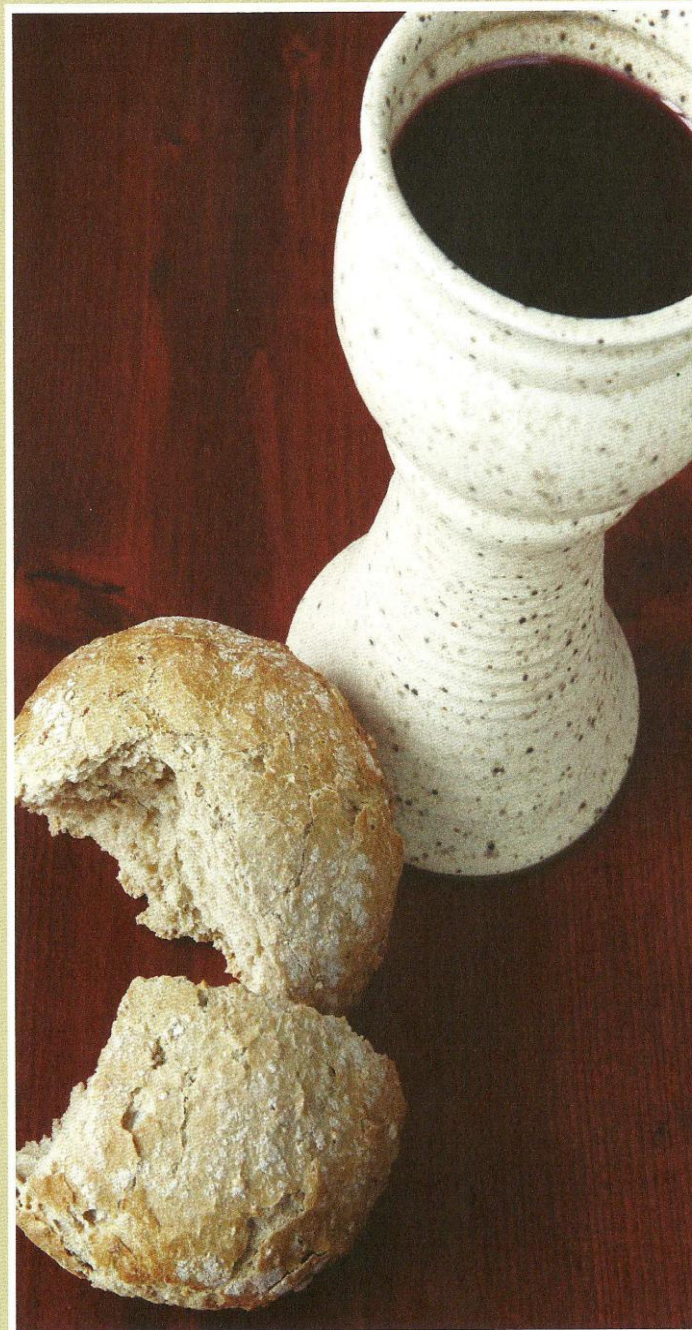
## "We sat down and wept"

It was while leading my first funeral service that I became aware of what role the carpet and ceiling panels play in a funeral home – they absorb all the sounds of weeping made by the family and friends who gather.

It was while holding another funeral service in the church I serve that I truly realized how much was being muffled in the funeral home. In the church there was no chance of quieting the one who suddenly broke down and wept, and thank God there was no carpet to muffle her cry.

There was also one other important difference I noted – I could hear the people sing out. The unforgiving wood floors and wood walls of the sanctuary passed the sounds around, allowing us to weep together and sing out hymns of praise that reminded us of God's hope and salvation.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 6, 2013

## Communion Service / World Communion Day

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. Susan Mattinson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt      Music Director- Kendall House

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Introit

\* Entry of the Bible

#### Call to Worship

\* Hymn: **"Let all the world in every corner sing"** #271

#### Opening Prayer:

**Holy One, we come to you to have our hunger filled, our thirst quenched, and our desires fulfilled. We give you our praise now and forever. At the same time, we confess that too often we have failed to speak and act with kindness; to care for others as we have been cared for; to welcome others as we have been welcomed; and to live as forgiven and beloved people. Help us to be cleansed and to start again with you and with one another. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

#### Anthem: **"The Whisper"**

\* Hymn: **"Jesus loves me, this I know"** #373  
(Children come to the front during the last verse)

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Hymn of Preparation

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**



### Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)  
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn  
Douglas Anderson  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Structural damage to the sanctuary ceiling of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (cause unknown) is posing challenges such as worship being relocated to the church hall. We ask that you pray for God's wisdom and abiding presence to be upon the minister and congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in the months ahead.

Congratulations go out to  
Lorna Ross and Tyler Harrison  
on their wedding yesterday at  
First Presbyterian.



Attention all youth! There will be a youth group meeting on Sunday, October 6th at St. Andrew's Church from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades 5 and up are welcome. If there are any questions please contact Sarah Campbell ([sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com)) or Will Newton ([newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)).

### CELEBRATION:

A Habitat for Humanity house has been built for Sameral Hto and her 4 sons Max, Bunker, Hennery and Dyk. The ceremony will be held at 2:30 pm on Monday, October 7th at their new home located at 511 East Mary St. (close to Syndicate Avenue). All welcome!

Also, Pawnay and Tawnay Htoo, Sameral and her sons have opened the Salween Restaurant at 530 Tenth Avenue - serving Thai, Burmese and Sushi dishes. Enjoy!

Don Murray, our Church treasurer, would like to scale down his work due to personal commitments. We would like to have a volunteer in training. Don is willing to train the incumbent. If you are willing, please contact Don, the Church minister Susan or the Church Secretary Laura





**Thank you this week to:**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Sandra Allan  
**Fellowship Time:** Alice & Laird Morrison  
**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown  
**Offering Counting:** Kathleen and Cameron Noy  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting::** Ruth George

**Next week's volunteers: Oct. 13th**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Lynae Grace  
**Fellowship Time:** Leila Pettigrew & Ruth George  
**Elevator Operator:** Laird Morrison  
**Offering Counting:** Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon Seabrook  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting:** Ruth George

Also much appreciation to the Karen congregation for cleaning the Church's Windows

We would like to have one more offering counting team. This is for 3 or 4 times per year. Training will be provided. Please contact Laura in the Church's office or Don Murray or Jim Sutton

**Upcoming Events at First**

Wed., Oct. 9th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., Oct. 10th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Fri., Oct. 11th	- Crafts & Conversation	- 1 pm

**October Dessert Tea (Oct. 19th 1:30-3:30 pm) info:**

**Re: Silent Auction**

As in the past, we ask you to see if you have any 'treasures' in your house that we could use. Or perhaps you would consider donating a gift card from a local restaurant/store, or to a function. The last date to bring in your donations is SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13. Thanks for your anticipated co-operation.

Sandra Allan and Deborah Broll



**Bible Readings:**

Lamentations 3: 19-26	P. 766	O.T.
Psalms 37: 1-9	P. 510	O.T.
Luke 17: 5-10	P. 80	N.T.

**Gloria Patri:**

**594**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

**Sermon: "Responding to Life Transformed"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response**

**830**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God all creatures here below;  
 praise God above, you heavenly host;  
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sovereign God, you guide our lives with truth and love. You invite us to accept you with joy and to serve others before ourselves. We prayerfully present these tithes and offerings. May they symbolize our renewed commitment to holding you as the guiding leader of our lives. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn: "I come with joy"**

**#530**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Through the words of your prophets you gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you for sending your only 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. Obeying you he took up his cross and died that we might live.

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**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again**

We come to this, His Table, in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit: on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another – one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

Be with us now through your Holy Spirit as we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen.

**Sharing the Meal**

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

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\* Hymn: **"Now thank we all our God"**

**#457**

**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.**

**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.