

Lectionary Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10.

## "It's not fair!" she shouted

as her two brothers grabbed the last cookies. When you parent triplets, you hear "It's not fair!" over and over again.

We spend a lot of time worrying about what is fair, and life in the church is no exception. We are called, in Christ, to live a different way – to extend the grace that Christ has extended to us. Zacchaeus, the tax collector, lived in a world where you don't get something for nothing. When Jesus reached out to him with unconditional, undeserved love, he was astounded, and responded.

Jesus sees through us to who we really are.

Our role as the church is not to be concerned about what is fair in the lives of individuals, but to reach out in grace to one another. One day soon, we may be the recipients of unmerited love, and we'll be thankful that God ignores the cries of "It's not fair!" and loves us anyway.

The Rev. Lara Scholey is minister of Bethel Church, Scotsburn, and Burns, West Branch, Nova Scotia, and is the mother of three children, who are nine years old.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 3, 2013

## Communion Service / All Saints 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. Susan Mattinson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Introit

\* Entry of the Bible

#### Call to Worship

\* Hymn: *"Lord, the light of your love is shining"* #376

#### Opening Prayer:

**God of all creation, you touch our lives with healing and wisdom, with hope and the assurance of your presence. You give us life – new and renewed. We praise you for the gift of generosity which is ours through Jesus Christ. We also come before you to confess our mistakes, our selfish intentions and our narrow perspective on what it means to be your children and disciples. Return us to the embrace of your love, where we can once again become rooted and transformed. In Jesus' holy name, we pray; amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

#### Choir Anthem: "The Whisper"

\* Hymn: *"What a friend we have in Jesus"* #746  
(Children come to the front during the last verse)

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Hymn of Preparation

**Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.**



### Prayer Concerns:

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

### MORE THAN MISSION DIME COLLECTION

If you have been saving your dimes please turn them into Joyce Nystrom or Edna Irwin before November 24

"Why should we Care?" is a six week on line program offered by Knox College's Ewart Centre for Lay Education. Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary for Justice Ministries will help you explore such topics as Reformed theology and Justice; Climate change and global warming: who wins - who loses?; Growing Inequality in Canada: Why should we care? Restoring Right Relations with Indigenous people: What does this mean for Canada. For more information and to register go to [www.knox.utoronto.ca](http://www.knox.utoronto.ca) and click on register for Fall 2013 lay ed courses.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS as per BULLETIN BOARD

Christmas Tea & Bazaar at Lakeview Presbyterian on Saturday, November 9th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm

The 8th Annual Teen Challenge Fundraising Banquet at the Italian Cultural Centre on Friday, November 15th at 7 pm

Festive Tea at Current River United Church on Saturday, November 16th from noon to 3 pm

Tea & Bazaar at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 30th from 11 am to 4 pm

Free Seasonal Flu Clinics - see bulletin board for various dates, locations and times.

Fort William Male Choir presents the Music of Elvis on December 6th or December 7th at 8 pm at the Community Auditorium.

Grade 12 drama presents Fairy Tale Christmas Carol at St. Patrick High School in the Selkirk Auditorium on Thursday, December 12th or Friday, December 13th at 7 pm. Tickets \$5.

Christmas with the King (starring Daylin James) at St. Paul's United Church on Saturday, December 14th at 7 pm or Sunday, December 15th at 2 pm.



**Thank you this week to:**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Janet Racey  
**Fellowship Time:** Lynae Grace & Myrna Grace  
**Elevator Operator:** Russ Brown  
**Offering Counting:** Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone, Maybelle Gair  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting::** Ruth George

**Next week's volunteers: Nov. 10th**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Leslie Shaw  
**Fellowship Time:** Joyce Nystrom and Janet Taylor  
**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown  
**Offering Counting:** Val Calder and Isobel Telford  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting:** Ruth George

BURST FORTH 2014 Women's Gathering will be held May 16-19, 2014. Early bird registration ends November 15th (save \$100). Find details at [www.womensgathering.ca](http://www.womensgathering.ca) or contact Ruth George for registration forms.

**Upcoming Events at First**

Tues., Nov. 5th	- More than Mission	- 1 pm
Thurs., Nov. 7th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Fri., Nov. 8th	- Crafts & Conversation	- 1 pm
Wed., Nov. 13th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm



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

**Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 1: 10-18	P. 630 & 631	O.T.
Psalms 119: 137-144	P. 570	O.T.
Luke 19: 1-10	P. 82	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: "Jesus our Friend"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response**

661

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God: you call us, in Christ, to live a different way - to extend the grace that Christ has extended to us. Bless our gifts and talents, and help us to reach out in grace to one another. Fill us with your Spirit, so that our hearts will delight in your presence and our wills desire your ways. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

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

#530

**Affirmation of Faith:**

In Holy Communion Christ places his table in this world to feed and bless his people. The Holy Spirit so unites us in Christ that in receiving the bread and wine in faith we share in his body and blood. The Lord's Supper is a joyful mystery whereby Jesus takes the bread and wine to represent his atoning sacrifice, deepening our union with himself and with each other, giving us of his life and strength. Here Christ is present in his world proclaiming salvation until he comes — a symbol of hope for a troubled age. Amen.



Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Eucharist is thanksgiving to God.

We pray for the world

**and with gratitude offer our lives to God.**

We celebrate his victory over death

**and anticipate the joyous feast we shall have  
in his coming kingdom.**

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.

**Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.**

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.

**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.

(Continued on Page 4)

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: "One more step along the world I go" #641

**Blessing**

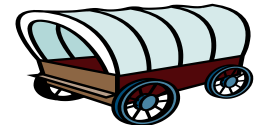
**Response: Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.  
He has washed and made me white as snow.  
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.  
Now and forever, praise his holy name.  
Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name.  
To God be the glory now and forever.**

There will be a youth group meeting at Lakeview Church **TODAY** from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades five and up are welcome. For questions please contact Will ([newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)).

**YEEHAW - ONLY 20 DAYS AWAY**  
**ANNUAL CHUCKWAGON DINNER**

**Saturday, November 23rd**  
**6 pm**

**Tickets - \$17.00 / person**  
**\$10.00 / children 10 and under**



**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.