

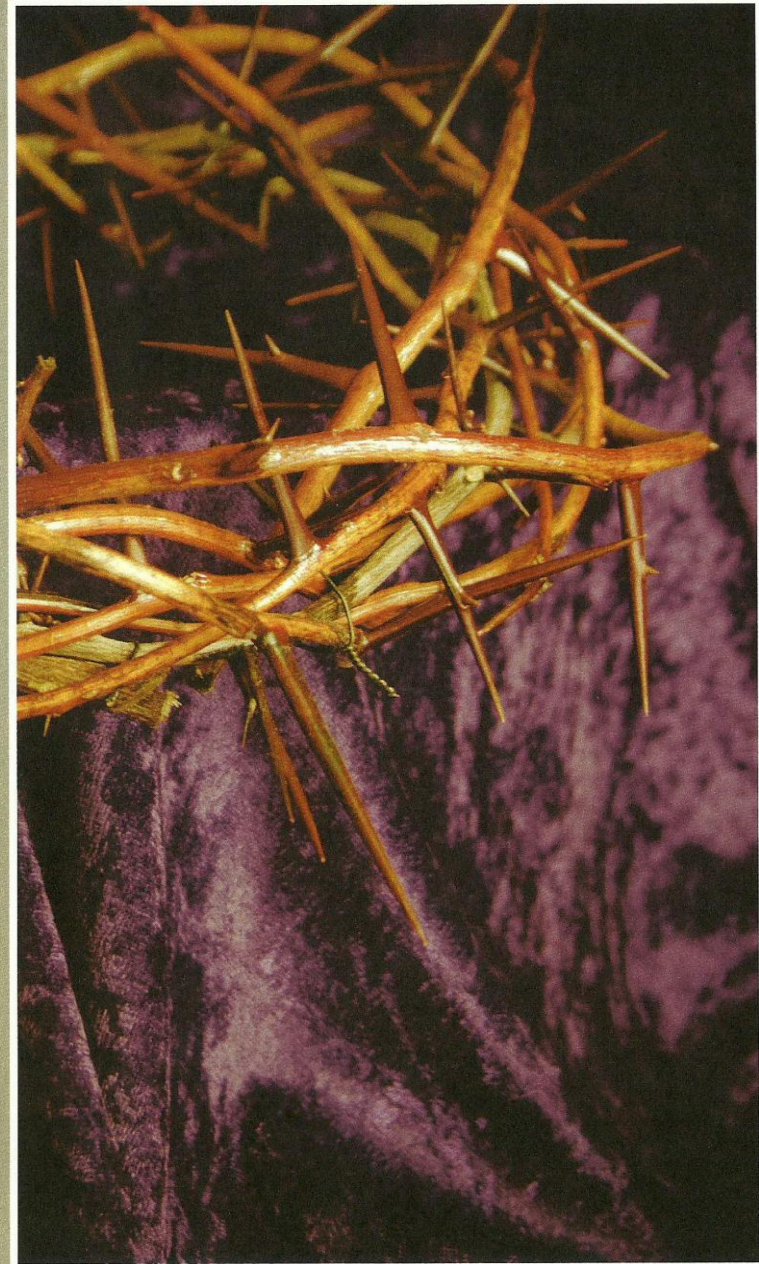
**"King of Kings!
And Lord of Lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever..."**

Handel's *Messiah* brings to mind the image of a triumphant Christ, "Christ the King," who triumphs and reigns in glory.

"King of Kings..." Is this the same king who, while hanging on a cross, assured the man next to him that he would join him in paradise? Our king is one who left his heavenly home to enter life on earth as a vulnerable baby, who spent his first two years as a refugee, who was among us – who has suffered, who has been humiliated, who was tortured and killed.

Each week as we pray together for the kingdom of God to come here on earth, we're praying for a world where the naked are clothed, the poor are fed, the sick and lonely are visited. These are the hallmarks of our king.

The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie serves as minister of
St. Mark's Church in Orillia, Ontario.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 2013

Reign of Christ / Christ the King

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: *"Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer"* #372

Opening Prayer:

Great and holy and sovereign God: your glory is beyond imagination and your power is incomparable. Your love is wider than the entire universe and your mercy is greater than the heights of heaven. You sent Christ to show us the way for your love to reign in our hearts and govern our lives. We confess that we have not always followed the pattern and path of his life. When following Christ becomes difficult, we have often followed the devices and desires of our own hearts, favored our ideas over your wisdom, and favored paths of strife instead of peace. Forgive us and help us to be faithful to his example of justice and peace. In Jesus' holy name; amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *"Make Me Channel of Your Peace"*

Page 21 - from "12 Anthems for 12 Singers"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Be still and know that I am God.
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Bible Readings:

Luke 23: 33-43

P. 89

N.T.

Psalm 46

P. 517 & 518

O.T.

Colossians 1: 11-20

P. 200

N.T.

Gloria Patri:

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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.

* Hymn: *"O Living Word of God"*

#354

Sermon: *"The King"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Special Music: *"Close to Thee" piano duet by Lloyd Jones and Carol Wehrstedt in memory of Willa Jones*

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response

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**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

**Receive and bless our gifts and our lives, O God,
which we offer in response to your steadfast love.
As your son, Jesus, transformed people's lives, so
may the lives of others be transformed through
these gifts, through our love, and through our
witness. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Jesus, life of all the world"*

#776

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.*

Treasurer's Report to End of October 2013

The following table shows the income to the end of October 2013. The total revenue for the operating fund is down by \$13,500 from this time last year. Part of this difference is due to not having to raise money for the heating system (\$9,260 raised last year). The Presbyterians Sharing budget is only down by \$558 from where we should be and the Special projects budget has been exceeded by \$940.

At 83.3% of year	Budget for 2013	To Oct. 31/13	% to date
Operating Budget	\$125,880	\$ 93,488	74.3%
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 18,083	\$ 14,505	80.2%
Special Projects	\$ 5,950	\$ 6,890	115%

On the expenditures side our operating costs this year to the end of October are down \$17,270 from last year when we had to pay for the new boiler system (\$20,809). We have not yet received rent payments from Bell Canada for the tower space.

I would ask everyone to consider increasing their givings to the Operating Budget (first box on envelopes) and to Presbyterians Sharing (second box on envelopes) for the remainder of this year as we have a ways to go to make our Operating Budget and a small deficit to meet our Presbyterians Sharing allocation (we have met our Presbyterians Sharing allocation for many years now except for one year).

Sincerely;
Don Murray, Treasurer.

Any questions, please see Don.

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Douglas Anderson

Dr. Jim Colquhoun



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Gale & Don Munn and Marlene Mottys

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

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

Visiting: Ruth George

Next week's volunteers: Dec. 1st

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandra Allan

Fellowship Time: Betty Ann Burn and Lorraine Jarvis

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Terry & Margaret Stein

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

Phoning: Margaret Anderson

MORE THAN MISSION DIME COLLECTION

If you have been saving your dimes please turn them into Joyce Nystrom or Edna Irwin before LEAVING CHURCH TODAY.

Advent/Christmas Newsletter Deadline

Please have submissions in to the office by TOMORROW. Drop them off in the mail slot or Email them to first@tbaytel.net. Thank you.

Next week - December 1st:

White Gift Sunday - Donations of non-perishable food, toys or cheques for Christmas Cheer

and

Deadline to donate to purchase Christmas Poinsettias.

Share the Love - Provide the Warmth

The Craft and Conversation group is once again collecting warm articles of clothing to provide to residents of Thunder Bay that are in need. We will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves and socks. These can either be homemade or purchased items.

A collection box is available in the library area and we will accept donations until December 15. After this date the items collected will be forwarded to charitable organizations for their distribution.



THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY WHO HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR'S CHUCKWAGON DINNER A SUCCESS !!!

Upcoming Events at First

Thurs., Nov. 28th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Sat., Nov. 30th	Christmas Decorating Party and Potluck	- 3 pm
Sun., Dec. 1st	Communion Service	
Tues, Dec. 3rd	- More than Mission	- 1:00 pm
	at Salween Restaurant	

There will be a youth group meeting at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, December 1st from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades five and up are welcome. For questions please contact Will (newton9455@hotmail.com).

PARKING

Bike Lanes on Walsh St. are now closed for the winter. This allows parking now until April 30th on Walsh St. Consider leaving parking spots available at the end of our sidewalk for those needing assistance walking.



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