

"Meet the 'poorest president in the world':

Uruguayan leader Jose Mujica!" read the headline across the media.

Jose Mujica, the charismatic 77-year-old, lives on a tumbledown farm and is known for giving away 90 percent of his earnings to charity.

He didn't have to; he did. It was his opportunity to live in solidarity with the suffering masses, his people.

From the earliest times, scholars were puzzled by the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, submitted to be baptized. Why?

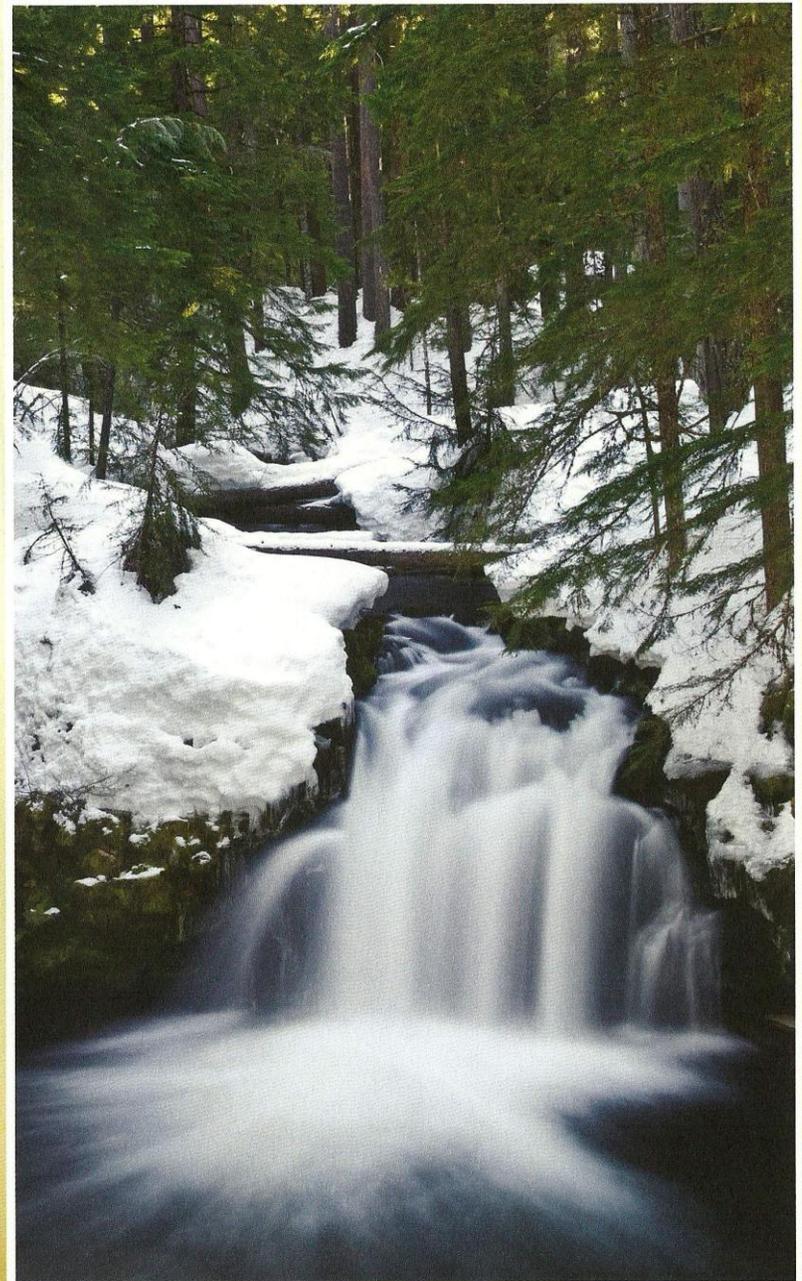
Surely as the Son of God, he did not need forgiveness from God!

For the men and women who were becoming conscious of their sin and conscious of their need of God, this was an unbelievable moment!

This was Jesus' opportunity. In his baptism, he identified himself with those he came to save, in the hour of their new consciousness of their sin and of their search for God.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Baptism of the Lord

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

Henry Konrad

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship:

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

* Hymn: "*Oh Worship the King*" #313

Opening Prayer: Henry Konrad

Choral Response:

If I have wounded any soul today
If I have caused on foot to go astray
If I have gone in my own wilful way
Dear God forgive

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

* Children's Hymn: "*Come let us sing*" #706

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *Come to the Water*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation 452 (v.2)

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Bible Readings:

Responsive Psalm 103: 1-14

P. 554

O.T.

Luke 15: 1-2

P. 78

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: "*A Glimpse into the Heart of God*"

* Hymn: "*I Sought the Lord*" #568

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 434 (v.5)

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

Dear Lord, it is a mystery that you have decided to do your work through persons like us. But we believe that you have empowered us to be your co-workers. Bless we pray, every act of generosity in this offering and through your spirit use these gifts to do your work in our world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: "*Savour teach me Day by Day*" #698

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!

Prayer Concerns:

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



Next week's (January 19th) Worship leader:

Anne MacDonald

Thanks to everyone who came out yesterday
to help de-decorate the Church.

Congratulations to Inspector Lorne Clifford on his retirement as
of December 31st from the Thunder Bay Police Service.

Upcoming church bake sale

Sunday, January 26th after service.

As the 15th Fort William gets ready for a full return of all our
sections this week, we would like to thank you all for all your
support to our group. We had a very busy month of December ,
but are pleased to say that even though our Christmas Craft Sale
attendance was poorly attended and supported we did manage
to take in a profit for our group of \$1100.00 which was a result of
table rentals and our Silent Auction, these funds will be put
towards the youth who are in financial difficulties as well as to
help purchase us some new tents and equipment this year.

We are pleased to say we are sitting with 10 Scouts & 5 Scout
Leaders, 9 Cubs & 3 Cub Leaders, 10 Beavers & 2 Beaver Leaders,
4 Venturers & 2 Advisors, our group has been growing at a slow
rate.

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: Evelyn Konrad
Fellowship Time: Alice & Laird Morrison
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone, Maybelle Gair
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Jan. 19th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones
Fellowship Time: Gale & Don Munn and Marlene Mottys
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Val Calder and Isobel Telford
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Joan Anderson



Upcoming Events at First

TODAY

- Sunday school resumes
- Question Period/Sack Lunch - noon

Thurs., Jan. 16th - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

Tues., Jan. 21st - Mission Study - 1:30 pm.

Wed., Jan. 22nd - Joint Session/Board
Potluck Supper/Meeting - 5:30 pm

On Friday, January 24th at 7 pm First Presbyterian Church (at the
corner of Grey and Walsh Streets) is hosting an evening with
Inspector Lorne Clifford of the Thunder Bay Police Service
Retired. Lorne's topic is entitled "A Year in Palestine" and will
include a power point presentation, a question and answer session
followed by a slide presentation of the area. Lorne spent a year in
the region along the Israel and Palestine border as Canadian
Contingent Commander for the European Union Policing
Missions in Palestine and through his experience in the region
comes high qualified to share his knowledge with us.

Please join us for what will certainly be an interesting and
informative presentation. Refreshments will be served.