

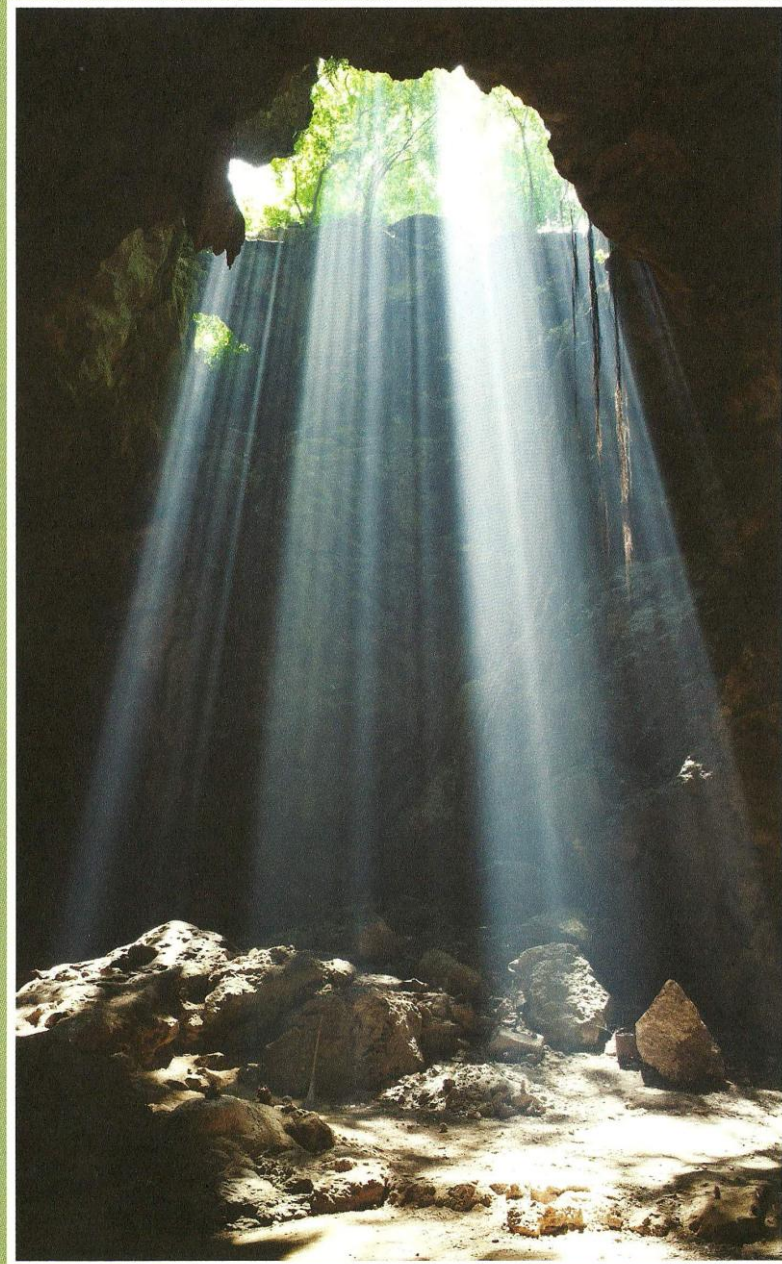
The kings of Aram and Israel

are about to attack Jerusalem. Fearing defeat, King Ahaz is in a state of panic. The prophet Isaiah challenges Ahaz to trust God, proclaiming, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined."

Unable to trust God for deliverance, Ahaz enters into an alliance with the king of Assyria, setting into motion a chain of events that leads to the destruction of the northern kingdom.

Matthew takes this prophecy of the deliverance that will one day come to this conquered land and proclaims its fulfillment when Jesus begins his ministry by moving from Nazareth to take up residence in Capernaum, bringing the light of God's love to a land that once lived in darkness, but now lives in the light — a light that will one day overcome the darkness of the whole world.

The Rev. Dr. Ron Wallace retired as Associate Secretary,
International Ministries in 2012 and currently lives in
Lindsay, ON.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 26, 2014

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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: *"We are one in the Spirit"* #471

Opening Prayer:

God of light and love, by the waters you walk with us, inviting us into new adventures. You call us here together to be your people and offer you our praise. So we come to give you the glory that is only due to you. Merciful God, we confess that we often turn from who you call us to be. You call us to follow your way of compassion, but often we turn to criticism. You call us to follow your way of peace, but often we are the source of division. You call us to follow your way of trust, but often we take off on our own, leaving your call behind. Forgive us O God. Unite our will to your will, help us to cling to your way and strive for your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: We're Giving to Shine Our Light

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:

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

P. 166

N.T.

Psalm 27: 1-9

P. 503 & 504

O.T.

Matthew 4: 12-22

P. 3 & 4

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.

* Hymn: *"Help us to help each other, Lord"* #489

Sermon: *"Is Christ Divided?"*

Special Music: Lloyd Jones and congregation
- "Christ Liveth in Me" - (see insert)

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

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Brother, sister, let me serve you"* #635

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!

Christ Liveth in Me

1. Once far from God and dead in sin,
No light my hear could see,
But in God's Word the light I found
now Christ liveth in me.

Chorus:

Christ liveth in Me, Christ liveth in me,
O what a salvation this that Christ liveth in me.

2. As rays of light from yonder sun,
the flowers of earth set free,
So life and light and love came forth
from Christ living in me.
3. With longing all my heart is filled
that like Him I may be,
As on this wondrous thought I dwell
that Christ liveth in me.

Prayer Concerns:

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



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Leslie Shaw
Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson and Linda Kvarda
Elevator Operator: Doug Brown
Offering Counting: Lynae Grace & Myrna Grace
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Feb. 2nd

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lynae Grace
Fellowship Time: _____
Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison
Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Joan Anderson

After service TODAY

Please stay for the
church bake sale.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEB. 23rd at noon.

Please have AGM reports into the office (preferably by email for cut and paste purposes) by this Wednesday, January 29th. Sorry for short notice.

Community announcements as per bulletin board:

The RCCO "A Candlemas Meditation" concert that was on the bulletin board and in last week's bulletin that was for February 2nd has been cancelled.

Teen Challenge Graduation Service. Come hear the testimony of a changed life! Worship with the Teen Challenge choir, dessert, coffee, tea and fellowship. Thunder Bay Christian Fellowship (515 Syndicate Ave. N.) on Saturday, February 15th at 7 pm.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Faith Education Committee invites all to a Sleigh Ride & Potluck at Gammondale Farm on Sunday, February 16th from 4-7 pm. \$12/person (free for under 2). Apple Crisp and Ice Cream provided.

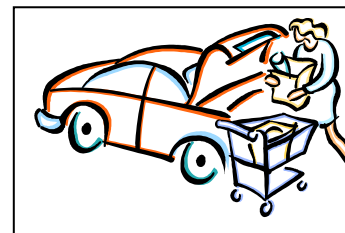
PLEASE CHECK THE BACK TABLES FOR 2013 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS. As of typing this I am hoping they are there. If there are any errors, Sandy Allan returns mid-February.

Upcoming Events at First

Thurs., Jan. 30th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Sun., Feb. 2nd	Communion Service	
Tues., Feb. 4th	- More than Mission	- 1 pm

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 so much to everyone who donates to the Food Bank.