

*"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom shall be like noonday." (Isaiah 58:10)*

For over 65 years, our church has been responding to God's call with Presbyterian World Service & Development and our partners overseas – making a positive difference in our global village. In a world filled with abundant needs, we respond to situations of poverty, injustice and disaster to promote the integrity of creation and build sustainable futures, filled with hope and opportunity.

*"I'm really glad the referral system can save so many lives. This is why I have been telling so many women in my village – if you face any kind of emergency during pregnancy, we can help."*

Anna Mataka has witnessed the impact of the maternal and child health program in Malawi, which is enhancing the ability of women to access vital health services in an emergency, increasing the likelihood of safe pregnancy and delivery.

*"This project has taught us to benefit from the resources that we have available in the community and not to waste them, we've also improved our diet and our health."*

Diego Garcia, from Guatemala, is taking part in a program helping communities protect the environment and better use resources to ensure food is available in the long-term.

*"I am very thankful for those who made my family aware of the importance of education, especially for girls."*

Gulali is now attending school thanks to a program in Afghanistan that raises awareness and support for girls' education. She hopes to one day become a doctor.

**We do this work together.**

**Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!**



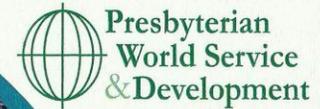
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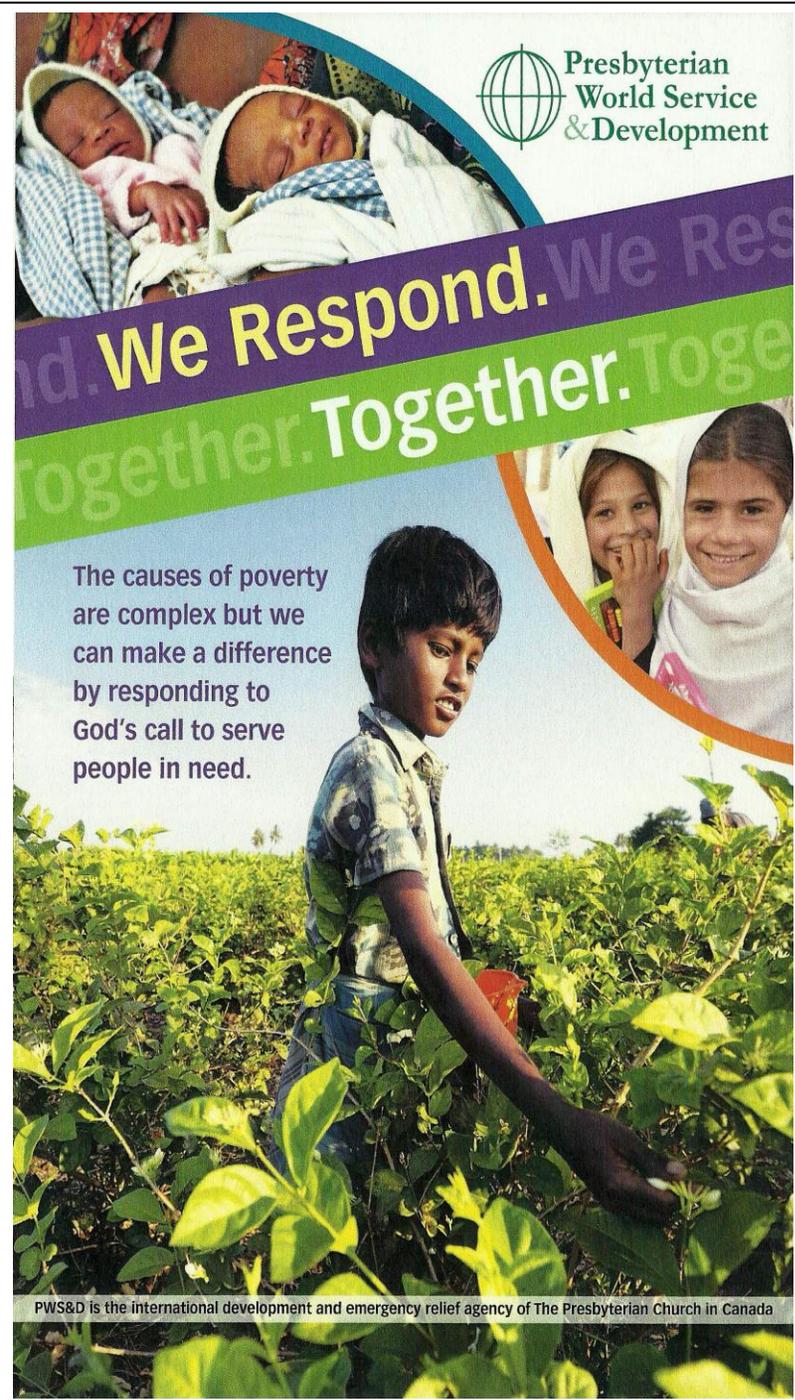
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The causes of poverty are complex but we can make a difference by responding to God's call to serve people in need.



PWS&D is the international development and emergency relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 2, 2014

## Communion Service / PWS&D 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 - Joseph Tassonne      Music Director- Kendall House

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Introit

\* Entry of the Bible

#### Call to Worship

\* Hymn: *"For the beauty of the earth"*

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#### Opening Prayer:

**God of wisdom and blessing, on this cold day we come into the warmth of your presence. Here we find shelter in the strength of your promises; here we find welcome in your tender care. For you give blessing when the world condemns and you bring freedom when the culture confines. Yet, we confess that, too often, we seek the wisdom of the world instead of your guidance. We value our reputations above reconciliation and for our sins of pride, we are sorry. We know that our words are not always loving, nor our actions always just. Though our hearts are eager, our wills are weak. Forgive us, we pray. Uphold us and renew us by the blessing of your mercy so we may walk more humbly with you each day. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

#### Children's Time

#### Choir Anthem: *Celtic Laud*



### Prayer Concerns:

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

There will be a youth group meeting at Lakeview Church on Sunday, February 9th from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades five and up are welcome. If there are any questions please contact Will Newton ([newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)).

### Spring Newsletter Deadline

Please have submissions in to the office by Feb. 19th  
Drop them off in the mail slot or Email them to  
[first@tbaytel.net](mailto:first@tbaytel.net). Thank you.

### Community announcements as per bulletin board:

Gentleman of Harmony presents Singing Valentines on February 14th from 9 am to 9 pm. Reservations required.

Dorion Bible Camp Fundraising Breakfast on Saturday, February 15th at Victoria Inn from 9:30-11:30 am. The tickets are free but you must have a ticket.

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.

World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 7th at 2 pm at First Wesley United Church (130 N. Brodie St.)



**Thank you this week to:**  
**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Lynae Grace  
**Fellowship Time:** Leslie Shaw and Ruth George  
**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

**Next week's volunteers: Feb. 9th**  
**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Richard Noy  
**Fellowship Time:** Lynae Grace and Betty Irwin  
**Elevator Operator:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Offering Counting:** Doug & Joleen Brown and Don Munn  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
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**Upcoming Events at First**

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|------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Tues., Feb. 4th  | - More than Mission          | - 1 pm  |
| Thurs., Feb. 6th | - Bible Study                | - 10 am |
|                  | - Choir Practice             | - 7 pm  |
| Sun. Feb. 9th    | - Question Period/Sack Lunch | - noon  |
| Wed., Feb. 12th  | - Session Meeting            | - 7 pm  |



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

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

**Bible Readings:**

|                        |        |      |
|------------------------|--------|------|
| Micah 6: 1-8           | P. 866 | O.T. |
| Psalms 15              | P. 495 | O.T. |
| 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 | P. 166 | 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.**

**Sermon: "The Foolishness and Weakness of God"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response**

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**The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Blessed One, it can be hard to stay hopeful and helpful in our world. We rejoice that these generous gifts will strengthen our congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. We dedicated them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn: "Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you" #467**

**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 of 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.**

Let us lift up our hearts!

**Let us 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 thank you and praise you. Your prophets gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we celebrate that the Redeemer, your Son, Jesus Christ, has come. He 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 n the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

We thank you for sending Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. He shared our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and he 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 His Table in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit upon this body of believers, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine. By the miracle of your grace, we pray that we might 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: "Lord, whose love"

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**Blessing**

**Response:**

**Rejoice and be glad!**

**Blessed are you; holy are you!**

**Rejoice and be glad!**

**Yours is the Kingdom of God.**

**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.