

"Shout out, do not hold back!"

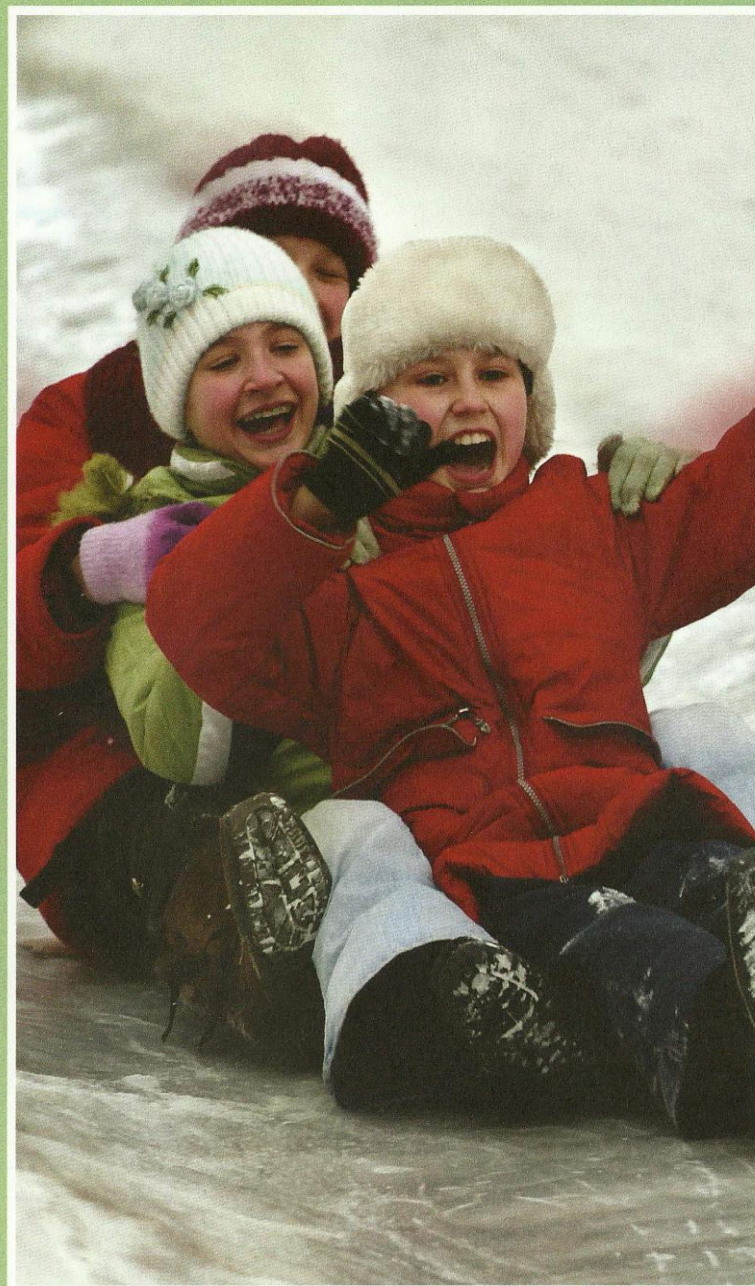
Shouting is not one of those things for which Presbyterians are best known. For some, it is an accomplishment when we finally speak. Shouting occurs when one voice is raised above the others and therefore becomes distinct.

Words sometimes are distinguished by their volume. More often they are distinguished by their content. Who will say the words that are difficult but needed? Who will speak the truth no one wants to hear? Even the gentle sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ can seem like a shout. The unexpected word of kindness and mercy can be a celebrated shout in our noisy world.

According to Isaiah, shouting involves advocacy for the oppressed and downtrodden. Advocacy involves both words and actions. Actions can speak louder than words.

To shout is to get over our hesitancy. Whether in your words or your actions, who in your world is waiting to hear from you?

The Rev. Dr. David Sutherland, moderator of the 139th
General Assembly, is minister at St. Andrew's in St. John's, NL.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 9, 2014

5th 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 - Joseph Tassone Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "O splendour of God's glory bright" #817

Opening Prayer:

Light of the world, in the sparkle of the snowflake, we see your gentle beauty. In the towering frosted treetops, we're reminded of your splendour. Even in the cold of winter your creation amazes. We thank you for blessing the world with such beauty and giving us a place within it. Yet we confess that too often we take your creation for granted. We squander your gifts and ignore our responsibility. Sin and pride take us over, selfish wants consume our thoughts. Forgive us we pray. Take away whatever holds us back from living fully in your light and loving your world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *I will arise and go to Jesus*

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:

Isaiah 58: 1-9

P. 688

O.T.

Psalms 112

P. 563

O.T.

Matthew 5: 13-20

P. 4

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: "Give me oil in my lamp"

#655

Sermon: "Salt and Light"

Special Music: by Mickey Kennedy & Cyril Johnson

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

O God, there are many things we do not understand. We do not understand the emptiness of accumulation, nor our desire to acquire more. Our desire to live this year more fully and faithfully is even a mystery, but it is real. Our gifts today are symbols of our hope and inner yearnings. Receive them and bless them by the mysterious power of your love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: "Jesus bids us shine"

#773

Blessing

Response:

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Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the Kingdom of God.

Prayer Concerns:

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



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. 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.

Chili & Hot Dog Supper at Current River United Church on
Friday, February 28th from 5 pm to 7 pm

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

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: 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
Visiting: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Feb. 16th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones
Fellowship Time: Muriel MacDonald and Leila Pettigrew
Elevator Operator: Alan Irwin
Offering Counting: Kathleen & Cameron Noy
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Joan Anderson

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).

Upcoming Events at First

TODAY	- Question Period/Sack Lunch	- noon
Wed., Feb. 12th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 13th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Fri., Feb. 14th	- Crafts & Conversation	- 1 pm
Tues., Feb. 18th	- Mission Study	- 1:30 pm.
Wed., Feb. 19th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm
Sun., Feb. 23rd	- Annual General Meeting	- noon



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