

## "I have set before you today

*life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in God's ways, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live..."*

(Deuteronomy 30:15-16)

Death has no future. And societies that do not attend to the adversity and wellbeing of their members have no future either. In contrast, communities oriented to life are hopefully alert to ways that public life can be shaped to best reflect the values of God's commandments and reign. Under God's governance, a vibrant community is one that focuses on justice, love, peacemaking, an equitable economy, and seeking the fullness of life for all.

A community that chooses life is marked by trust and grace.

A community that chooses life is marked by hope, courage and sharing.

A community that chooses life is marked by love and maturity that curbs self-interest and anger.

A community that keeps God's law is one that chooses life.

The Rev. Ian McDonald is Associate Secretary of  
Canadian Ministries.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Heritage 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 Tassone Music Director- Kendall House

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

\* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

\* Hymn: *"Hail the day that sees Christ rise"* #265

Opening Prayer:

Glorious God, you constantly surprise us with your grace and love. To you we give all glory and praise! You have given us so many talents: knowledge and wisdom, faith and foresight. You have given us these gifts to be used for your work, and yet, so often, we have failed to make proper use of them. We have sometimes failed to see that all of our gifts and services and activities are directed by you and should glorify you. We confess before you those times when we have not tried to discern the gifts you have given us, and we confess before you those times when we have not tried to use the gifts you have given us. Help us to make better use of what you give us, that all of our actions might proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *A song is a gift of God*

## 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:

John 2: 1-11

P. 93

N.T.

Psalms 36: 5-10

P. 510

O.T.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

P. 174

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: *"All praise to you, O Lord"*

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Sermon: *"Expect the Unexpected"*

Special Music: *"I want to know you more"* by Sha Thaleiwah (Sam)

## 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

Lord God Almighty, bless our offering this morning and receive it as an example of our hearts willing to serve you in all things. Grant us opportunities to share our many other gifts and talents for your glory, as well. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts ....debtors)

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* Hymn: *"We are God's people"*

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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.

### Prayer Concerns:

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



There will be a youth group meeting at St. Andrews on Sunday, February 23rd 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)).

### Community announcements as per bulletin board:

Please check out Lloyd Jones' article titled "Climbing to the top of the long greasy pole" that is located on the bulletin board.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Knox Shuniah United Church on Tuesday, March 4th @ 5:30 pm

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

8th Annual "Celtic Auction" at St. Patrick's Cathedral Auditorium (211 S. Archibald St.) on Sunday, March 23rd at 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 this week to:

**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

### Next week's volunteers: Feb. 23rd

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Sandra Allan

**Fellowship Time:** AGM

**Elevator Operator:** Russ Brown

**Offering Counting:** Ruth George, Betty Ann Burn, Beth Workman

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

**Visiting:** Joan Anderson

### Upcoming Events at First

Tues., Feb. 18th - Mission Study - 1:30 pm.

Wed., Feb. 19th - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm

Thurs., Feb. 20th - Bible Study - 10 am  
- Choir Practice - 7 pm

**Sun., Feb. 23rd - Annual General Meeting - noon**

### Spring Newsletter Deadline

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



### Reminder:

Please bring in food bank donations for next Sunday.