

Living in the 21st century,

it is difficult to imagine following some of the specific rules about daily living as part of our faith. Instructions like "do not sow your field with two kinds of seeds" and "do not put on a garment made of two different materials" (Leviticus 19:19) are so outmoded.

The instructions Moses passed on to the Israelites may seem unusual to us, but I suspect there are other directions that God might have for us in this time and place, such as "care for the earth" and "do not put on a garment that was made in an environment that exploits others."

Each of the rules shared by Moses concluded with the statement, "I am the LORD your God." These aren't just rules for the sake of rules or authority, but guidance for how to live more fully in God's world, where we respect and care for one another and creation.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 23, 2014

7th 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: **"Glory be to God the Father"** #298

Opening Prayer:

Holy and creating God, your love is beyond the measure of the universe, your mercy is beyond the heights of heaven, and your peace surpasses all understanding. With our lips we sing your praises, with our bodies we serve you, with our minds we seek greater understanding of you, and with our lives we offer you our worship and our adoration. Often, we pride ourselves on our wisdom rather than seeking yours, we focus on fairness for ourselves yet turn a blind eye to justice for all, we seek revenge instead of extending mercy, and we plot against others instead of praying for them. In your mercy; forgive what we have been, help us to adjust what we are, and direct what we shall be. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Choir Anthem: *I was Glad*

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, self-less, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Bible Readings:

Matthew 5: 38-48

P. 5

N.T.

Psalms 119: 33-40

P. 567

O.T.

1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

P. 167 & 168

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: **"Where Charity and love prevail"** #692

Sermon: **"God's Temple"**

Special Music: **"Open my eyes"** by Lloyd Jones

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response #484

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

God, we acknowledge that your call involves more than fancy words and theological concepts. Your call involves our lives and daily living. We give both to make a difference in the world and to remind ourselves about our priorities. Accept these gifts as our commitment to put first things first. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: **"Lord of all power"** #626

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

Daniel Banjaw

Robert Rydholm



There will be a youth group meeting at St. Andrews **TODAY** from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades five and up are welcome. For questions please contact Will (newton9455@hotmail.com).



5th Annual Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4th 5 - 7 pm

\$7 - 3 pancakes and 3 sausages

\$5 - 2 pancakes and 2 sausages

Price includes: coffee, tea, juice and dessert

Tickets will be available in the office, from the Fellowship Committee or at the door.

Community announcements as per bulletin board:

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: 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

Next week's volunteers: March 2nd

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lynae Grace

Fellowship Time: _____

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon-Seabrook

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

Phoning: Edna Lamb



Upcoming Events at First

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| TODAY | - Annual General Meeting | - noon |
| Thurs., Feb. 27th | - Bible Study | - 10 am |
| | - Choir Practice | - 7 pm |
| Fri., Feb. 28th | - Crafts & Conversation | - 1 pm |
| Sun., March 2nd | Communion Service | |
| Tues., Mar. 4th | - More than Mission | - 1 pm |

St. Andrew's Lenten and Easter Services schedule

Wednesday, March 5th - 7 pm - Ash Wednesday service

Wednesdays, March 12th & 19th, 26th and April 2nd & 9th - service at 12:05 and light lunch served at 12:25

Palm Sunday Service - April 13th at 11 am

Maundy Thursday Service - April 17th at 7 pm

Good Friday Service - April 18th at 11 am

Easter Sunday with communion - April 20th at 11 am



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