

Lectionary Readings: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11; Acts 1:1-11;  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

## What happens at the General Assembly...

doesn't stay at the General Assembly.

This Sunday, ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries, and ruling elders from across Canada, along with young adult and seminary student representatives, committee conveners, national office staff and others, will have gathered for the 140th General Assembly within the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

What happens at the General Assembly? Old friendships are rekindled and new friendships are forged.

Commissioners sing, pray and contemplate the word of God together. They eat and drink, laugh and sigh, grow weary and are energized. They hear interfaith, international and ecumenical guests tell faith stories. They consider reports and vote on all the recommendations. Lofty thoughts and deep prayer will be employed to discern the mind of Christ for our church.

By God's grace, decisions made at the Assembly don't stay at the Assembly but travel across the land to shape, guide and bless our denomination.

Please remember the General Assembly in prayer.

**The Rev. Don Muir is Deputy Clerk,  
General Assembly Office.**

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General Assembly Sunday



*Pray for the General Assembly*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 1, 2014

## Communion Service / General Assembly 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 - Carol Wehrstedt      Music Director- Kendall House

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Introit

\* Entry of the Bible

#### Call to Worship

\* Hymn: *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

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#### Opening Prayer:

**Gracious God we bow our heads before you, remembering that we are here, not as orphans but as your beloved—chosen in love and blessed with grace. Changed, we live as citizens of your kingdom. Yet, even as we confess our sense of reverence, we also confess that we can resist your ways. There are times when the lure of brute strength is more attractive than caring, times when we prefer to fight on rather than change direction, times when success is more important to us than joy. Forgive us. Purify our prayers. Redirect our thinking. In flame our love for you and our world, for we pray through Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Children's Time

#### Choir Anthem

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Hymn of Preparation

Be still and know that I am God.  
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### Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)  
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

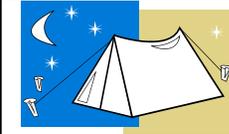
Douglas Anderson

The Annual Spring Luncheon will be held following the regular Church Service next Sunday. Come out for the service, bring a friend, enjoy the food and the company. The Fellowship Committee asks that you bring a salad or a dessert. See you there.

### Summer 2014 Camp Donations

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please write your name beside what you would be able to provide.

Please bring food, monetary or craft supply donations to the Church Office (examples of craft supplies list at the back of church). Deadline anytime up to June 30th so we can get the donations to St. Andrews by July 1st. Thank you.



Pres-B-Camp 2014 is coming! Pres-B-Camp is a week long overnight camp run from July 18th to 24th for those entering grade 3 to grade 8 in September. Additionally, a weekend retreat will run from August 22nd to 24th for teenagers entering grade 9 and up. If you, your children, or anyone you know are interested registration forms for both camps are available. We are also looking for volunteers for junior and senior counsellors at Pres-B-Camp, adult advisors at the Teen Retreat, cooks, a lifeguard, a nurse, and people to transport supplies to and from the camp. Volunteer forms can be found with the registration forms in the church office. If anyone has any questions please contact Will ([newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)) or Sarah ([sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com)).



**Thank you this week to:**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Evelyn Konrad  
**Fellowship Time:** Beth & Robert Workman  
**Elevator Operator:** Terry Stein  
**Offering Counting:** Val Calder and Isobel Telford  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting/Phoning:**

**Next week's volunteers: June 8th**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Lloyd Jones  
**Fellowship Time:** Spring Luncheon  
**Elevator Operator:** Alan Irwin  
**Offering Counting:** Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting/Phoning:**

**Grass Cutting:**

June \_\_ to June \_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Upcoming Events at First**

Tues., June 3rd	- More than Mission	- 1 pm
Thurs., June 5th	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Sun., June 8th	- Spring Luncheon	- noon
Mon., June 9th	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Wed., June 11th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm

**Next Sunday we are celebrating Pentecost! You are all invited to brighten things up by wearing red or other fire colours.**

There has been a few instances of the back office entrance door being left unlocked. We are asking that all groups designate one person to ensure that the door is locked when leaving. If individuals are in the church for any length of time please keep the door locked. We would also appreciate it if all groups would let Laura in the office know who their designated contact lock person is. Security is our main concern.

Thank you for your cooperation, Board of Management

**Bible Readings:**

John 17: 1-11	P. 111	N.T.
Psalms 47	P. 518	O.T.
Acts 1: 1-11	P. 118	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: "Into Heaven"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

\* **Offertory Response - #661 - We give thee but thine own (Verse 2)**  
**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,**  
**And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Majestic Lord, you unselfishly provide us with the sanctuary of your love. You wisely calm our imagined fears while nurturing our dream-filled hopes. Grant us the ability to serve you faithfully. Joyfully, we honour you with these tithes and offerings. Blessed be your name! Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

\* **Hymn: "There is a Redeemer" #358**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or the Eucharist is eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of Christ's body broken and his blood shed for us, in anticipation of his joyous return. The cup is a sharing in Christ's blood and the bread a sharing in his body. The real presence of Christ does not come through some change in the**

**bread and wine or through Christ being in or under the elements, but rather we are lifted up into the presence of Christ by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.** (From "A Catechism for Today" Question 83: "What is the Lord's Supper?")

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

We proclaim your greatness and sing your praise along with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times. With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit. We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death, and beyond death you are with us.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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Holy Lord God, by what we do here in remembrance of Christ, we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise; and as we eat and drink at his command, unite us to Christ as one body in him and give us strength to serve you in the world.

**And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Sharing the Meal**

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

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\* Hymn: *"Let us talents and tongues employ"* #563

**Blessing**

**Response:**

**Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace,  
coming down from the Father above!  
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,  
in fathomless billows of love.**

**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.