

After a wedding ceremony

at which I officiated, the bride's minister was invited to say grace before the meal. He started off: "Lord, we thank you for Alan and...uh, uh... his new wife...!"

He made a difficult and awkward recovery.

We've all forgotten things like our keys, glasses, appointments, and yes, even the names of people who are important to us. In a spiritual sense, we've sometimes forgotten the very foundation of our faith and fabric of our covenantal relationship.

John declares that the work of God in the baptism of water and Spirit is going to be fulfilled by the Promised One. This is a reminder that God still extends his covenant to people. And when Jesus was baptized he was—indeed needed to be—reminded that he was beloved of God. This is our reminder that we, too, are beloved of God and known by name.

The Rev. Daniel Cho is minister at Rexdale in Toronto, ON.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 11, 2015

Baptism of the Lord

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

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"* #177

Opening Prayer:

God, Creator of all: we give you thanks and adoration for the gift you have given us and the blessings we have in you through Jesus Christ. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, your eternal son came as God of God, Light of Light, begotten, not made. In baptism, you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old lives. We have trouble accepting your newness, we cling to old habits rather than welcome change, we nurture grudges instead of your grace, and we are reluctant to welcome or forgive one another as you welcome and forgive us. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us and move among us, so that we might live together with grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

* Children's Hymn: *"Spirit, Spirit of gentleness"* #399
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

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!

"Be Still and Know that
I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)
Please take the time before
the service as an opportunity
to quietly prepare your heart
and mind for worship.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 1: 1-5

P. 1

O.T.

Psalms 29

P. 504 & 505

O.T.

Mark 1: 4-11

P. 34 & 35

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.

Sermon: *"Spirit and Word"*

* Hymn: *"Christ, when for us you were baptized"* #183

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 661

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication

God of Power and Might: you effortlessly created light in the darkened void of our beginning universe. Today, this light continues to fill the shapeless recesses of our lives. Multiply these gifts so your beacon of light shines in every corner of the Earth. May people everywhere receive your light with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the name of the one who proclaimed transforming redemption, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"O living Word of God"* #354

Blessing

Response:

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name.
Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name.
To God be the glory now and forever.
Praise his holy name!

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)

Bernice Johnston

Walter Hogarth



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Evelyn Konrad

Fellowship Time: Beth and Robert Workman

Elevator Operator: _____

Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

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

Phoning/Visiting: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Jan. 18th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Bobbie and Terry Casella

Elevator Operator: _____


Offering Counting: Doug & Joleen Brown and Don Munn

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


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

NOTICE: all annual reports must be submitted to the office no later than this Thursday, January 15, 2015. Email submission for cut and paste purposes would be much appreciated.



Upcoming More than Muffin sale
on Sunday, January 25th
after service.



You are invited to help us get a new, good quality knife for the kitchen by donating your Safeway grocery stickers to the church. Please give donated stickers to Janey Racey or drop them off to the church office weekdays between 1-4pm. Deadline is February 12th.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

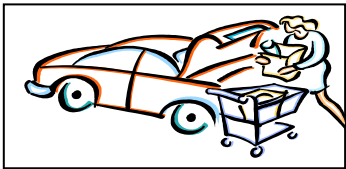
Our Mission purpose is to put our faith into action through mission education, community outreach, and personal and financial support both at home and abroad.

Upcoming Events at First

TODAY - Question Period/Sack Lunch - noon

Mon., Jan. 12th	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Wed, Jan. 14th	- Joint Board/Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., Jan. 15th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Tues., Jan. 20th	- Mission Study	- 1:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 21st	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm

Visiting regularly? Would you like Sunday Offering Envelopes or to participate in our automatic banking program? Please speak to the church's envelope secretary, Sandy Allan. Either choice will make it easier for us to track your donations and provide an accurate tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you for your support.



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