

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:8&10)



In a world filled with need, our church walks hand-in-hand with the distressed and marginalized. Working with partners at the grassroots level, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) responds with programs in emergency relief, food security, health and human rights. Together we work to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and build more sustainable futures.

"Now I know the importance of conservation agriculture for my crop's performance. I hope my maize production will increase because I have the right knowledge and skills now."

Samuel Green in Malawi received training and seeds to improve his nutrition and overcome environmental challenges like drought.

"I had hope to live again. Thank you. Super thank you!"

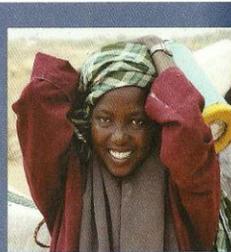
Nene Guiuan and her family received desperately needed food assistance and emergency supplies after being trapped in their home when Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines.

"The training opportunities I received have strengthened my worth as a woman and helped me understand that women are not destined to live deprived of our freedoms... I have strengthened my self-esteem, participation and leadership as a woman."

Maria Lopez in Guatemala is part of a women's group that is improving the economic situations of women, educating them about their rights and encouraging women's involvement in community decision-making.

As we respond to the world's pain and despair, we bear witness to the love of God among us, knowing that this amazing work would not be possible without your prayers and support. Thank you!

Faithful to our calling, we respond together.



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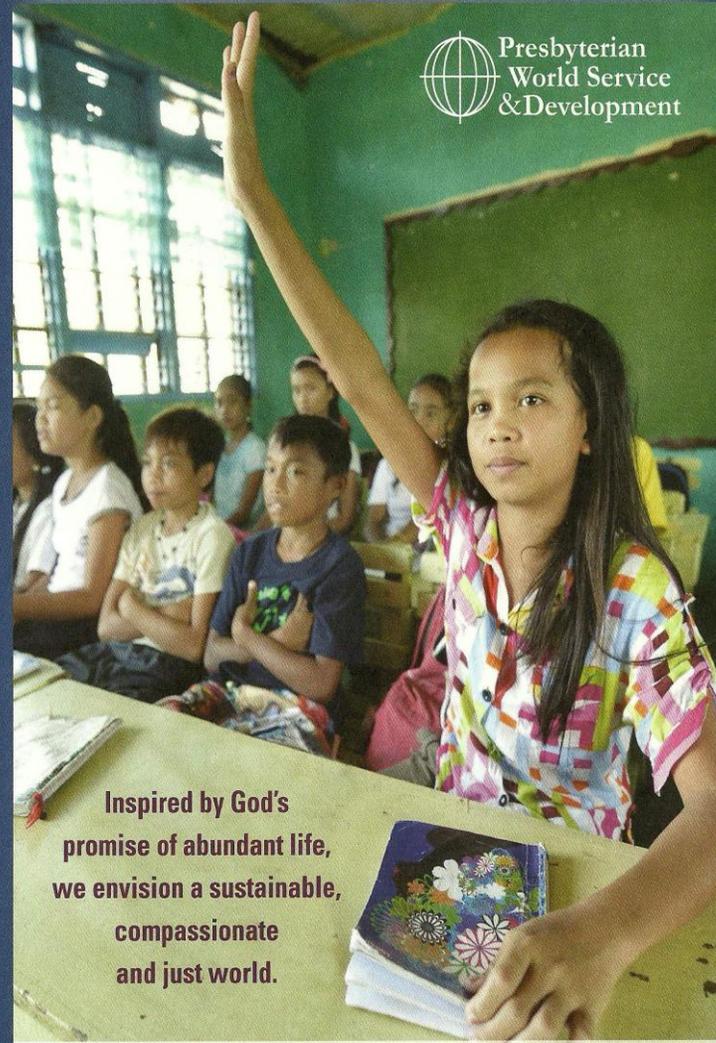
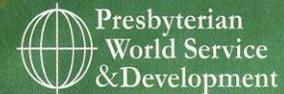
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**Inspired by God's
promise of abundant life,
we envision a sustainable,
compassionate
and just world.**

PWS&D is the international development and emergency relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Communion Service / PWS&D

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

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory" #490

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and loving God: In creating the world, you set before us a vision of bountiful and vibrant growth. In Jesus Christ, you embraced us and showed us the way to everlasting life. In sending your Holy Spirit, you bound us together as one holy community, set apart to serve you and daily enact your great mercy and compassion for all creation. We are created in your image, to love others as you have loved us, but we confess that our love falls short. Our courage fails, and we stay silent when we should speak out against oppression. We are tempted to keep for ourselves that which might heal another's pain. We are overwhelmed by suffering in the world, and we turn away in fear and hopelessness. Grant us a spirit of courage and mercy, so that we will be beacons of hope in your world. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "Fill My Cup"

* Children's Hymn: "Go ye, go ye into the world" #755
(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.



Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
Bernice Johnston
Walter Hogarth

Annual reports are available for pickup at the back of the church. Please make note of the date and time for the Annual General Meeting in two weeks:

February 15th at noon

Please be aware of motions that will be coming up in the Annual General Meeting with regards to:

- 1) Presbyterian Record
- 2) Special Funds

Also, please note that in the proposed mission committee budget for 2015 it is suggested that we accept the minimum allocation amount of \$12,000.00

The 2015 subscription to the Presbyterian Record has been renewed on the every-member plan. The cost of the subscription is part of the operating budget of First Presbyterian. If you choose to give a donation in the envelope that accompanies the Presbyterian Record, that money does not credit our every-member account. It is a donation to the Record. Should you wish to contribute to the cost of the every-member campaign, you can do so through your offering envelope.

With thanks from the Board of Managers.

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.

There will be a youth group meeting at St. Andrew's on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. All youth grades five and up are welcome. For questions please contact Sarah Campbell (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com).



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lynae Grace
Fellowship Time: Alice and Laird Morrison
Elevator Operator: Robert Workman
Offering Counting: Ruth George, Betty Ann Burn, Beth Workman
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Feb. 8th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella
Fellowship Time: Sandra Allan and Betty Ann Burn
Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy
Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Snowdon Seabrook
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

Upcoming Events at First

Tues., Feb. 3rd - More than Mission - 1 pm
Thurs., Feb. 5th - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm
Mon., Feb. 9th - Cards afternoon - 1 pm
Wed, Feb. 11th - Session Meeting - 7 pm

Spring Newsletter Deadline

Please have submissions in to the office by Feb. 17th
Drop them off in the mail slot or Email them to
first@tbaytel.net. Thank you.

Please check the kitchen for dishes that have been left from dinners and bake sale.



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

Bible Readings:

Exodus 2: 1-10 P. 49 O.T.
Psalm 47 P. 518 O.T.
Romans 8: 28-39 P. 158 & 158 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: "Courage and Compassion"

(adapted from a PWS&D sermon by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response**

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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

Awesome God, you sent Jesus to teach people first-hand the power of your love and grace. Even the faithless would experience your love. You call us to be mindful and vigilant of the extraordinary miracles that you continue to work in our world today. May this offering support ministries that show others your amazing love and grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with thee"**

#642

Affirmation of Faith:

God created the world for good and made human beings in the image of the living and creating God. God has faithfully walked with us throughout many generations, even when we have turned away. In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus Christ into the

world to proclaim the good news of healing, forgiveness, and hope. Jesus came to give life, and to give it abundantly. Jesus embodied that good news in the resurrection, showing the world that love is more powerful than hatred or fear, light is stronger than darkness, and life will triumph over death. Sending the Holy Spirit to be our companion and comforter, we are now commissioned to share God's good news with each other and the world. When we have the courage to testify to how we have seen God at work for peace, renewal, healing, and love, we show the world that truly the kingdom of God is near and God is with us.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Eucharist is thanksgiving to God.

We pray for the world

and with gratitude offer our lives to God.

We celebrate his victory over death

and anticipate the joyous feast we shall have in his coming kingdom.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Through the words of your prophets you gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new.

Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.

We thank you for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you he took up his cross and died that we might live.

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**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again**

We come to this, His Table, in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit: on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another – one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

Be with us now through your Holy Spirit as we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"For the healing of the nations"*

#736

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!**

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.