

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Have you known God's strength

when you felt your weakest?

Have you been hungry for God's truth since the beginning?

Have you heard the winds move within creation and sensed God's presence?

Have you understood, but still dwelled within the mystery of God?

Have you been faint and the Lord brought endurance?

Have you in your fragility felt the Lord's power?

Have you been made powerless and the Lord restored your might?

Have you been stressed and the Lord eased your weary mind?

Have you felt an absence of the Lord, only to find it was more about God's timing than yours?

Have you desperately waited for God, and been lifted up to soar on wings?

Run life's race and not become weary? Walked a difficult line and not become faint?

Do you continue to seek God's abiding strength and power?

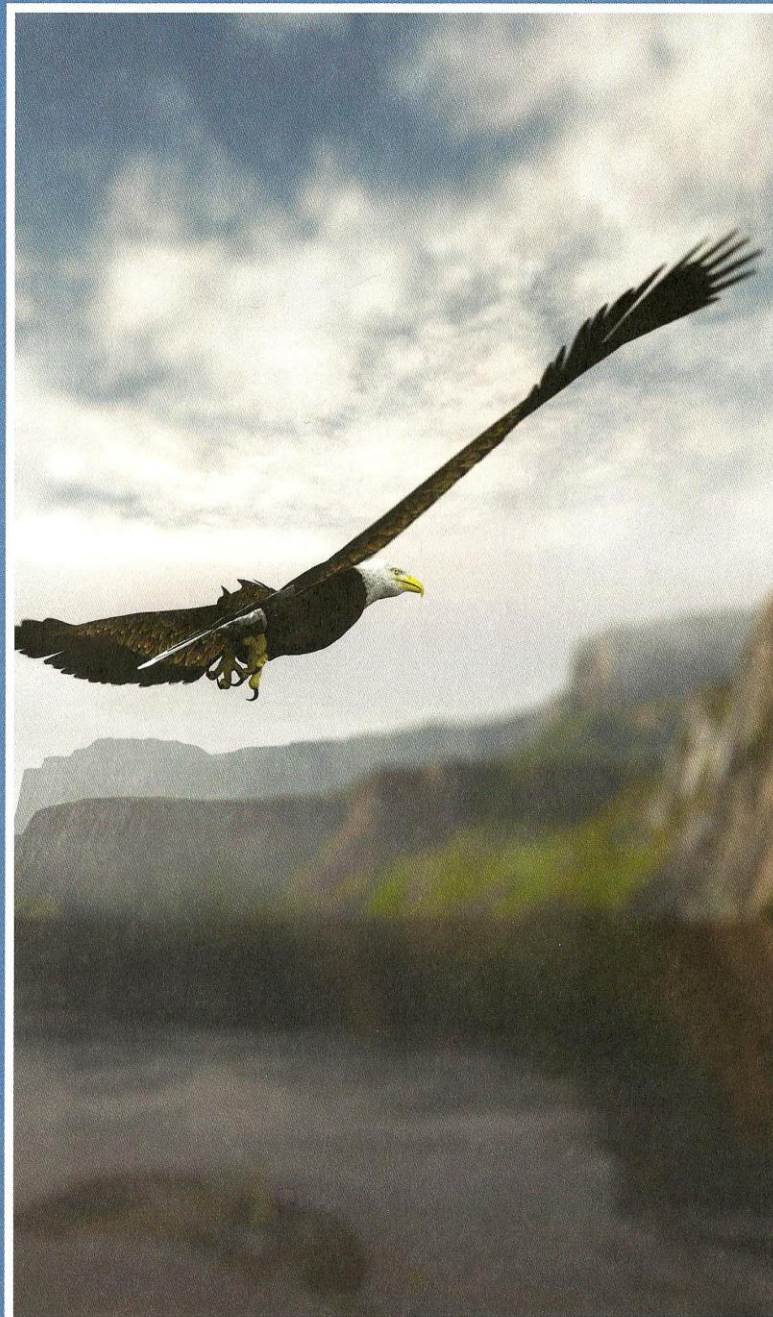
I pray you have.

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 8, 2015

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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: *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"* #290

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, day by day, you are known to your people. In the beauty of the heavens, we see your glory. In the unending bounty of the earth, we know your providence. Delighting in what we have seen, known, and heard, we worship you, our Lord and our God. At times we have forgotten what we knew, and we act as if we had never heard your words. We worry as if we had never known your truth or experienced your grace. You love us and made us for a purpose, but we lead lives as if there were no purpose. Forgive our sins. Remind us of what we once knew and felt. Let us hear your words afresh. Let our energy be renewed. May we walk by your light and not grow weary. May we run and not faint. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Ride on King Jesus"*

* Children's Hymn: *"Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord"* #476
(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:

Isaiah 40: 27-31	P. 668	O.T.
Psalms 147: 1-12	P. 582	O.T.
Mark 1: 29-39	P. 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: *"Restoration"*

* Hymn: *"With the Lord as my guide"* #574

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

Living God, your love for us is so immeasurable. Open our ears to hear the cries of your neediest children. Open our eyes to see human injustice. Open our minds to think about compassion in all circumstances. Continue to increase our willingness to give, so that we may lead lives fully focused on ministry to others. We place these offerings upon your altar in gratitude for your guidance and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

Today's prayer will contain intentional moments of silence

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Those who wait on the Lord"* #662

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



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 next week:

February 15th at noon

Annual General Meeting motions:

- 1) Be it resolved that in an effort to reduce costs, the "Every Member" subscription plan for the 2016 Presbyterian Record not be renewed in the year 2015 for payment in 2016..... Thus reducing 2016 expenses by approx. \$3,000.
- 2) Be it resolved that amounts currently allocated for "Individual Christian Growth" and "Christian Youth" be decreased to \$500 for each fund in 2015 with the balance of both funds to be transferred to general operating funds, and that each fund be replenished to the \$500 level in January of each year, if required.

The allocation amount for Presbyterians Sharing is \$12,000. In addition, 1st Pres. special projects will be \$6,750.

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



Upcoming More than Muffin sale

**on Sunday, February 22nd
after service.**



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: 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

Phoning/Visiting: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Feb. 15th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Edna Irwin and Sharon Irwin

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Mickey Kennedy, Sandra Allan, Leila Pettigrew

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

Phoning/Visiting: Joan Anderson

Upcoming Events at First

Mon., Feb. 9th	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Wed, Feb. 11th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 12th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Fri., Feb. 13th	- Crafts and Conversation	- 1pm
Sun., Feb. 15th	Annual General meeting	- noon
Tues., Feb. 17th	- Mission Study	- 1:30 pm.
Wed., Feb. 18th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm

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.

Spring Newsletter Deadline

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