

Do you fear? Do you hate?

The scriptures tell us that "perfect love casts out fear." They tell us that if we claim to "love God," but "hate" our brothers or sisters, we are "liars."

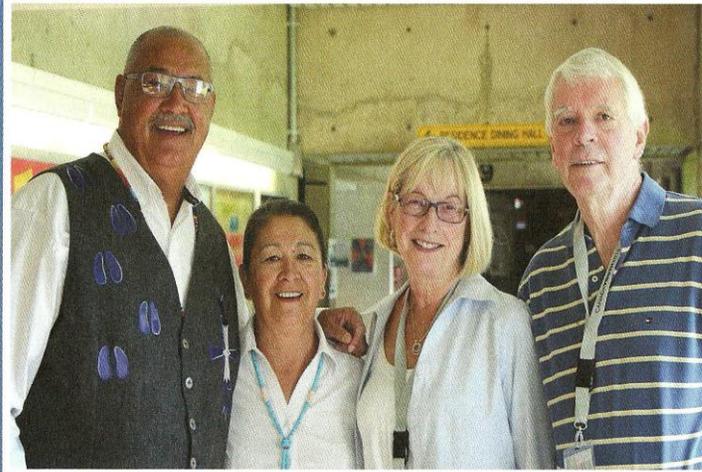
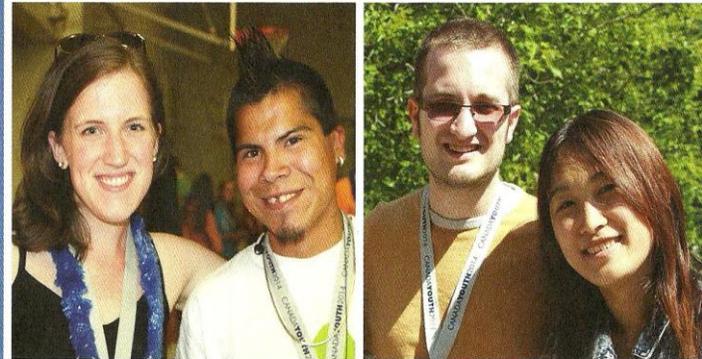
Strong words. Yet sometimes we need strong words to challenge us. How much does our faith in God engage our deepest fears and hates?

The medicine we are given is the love who is God, for "God is love." Love inspires us to love ourselves as we are, not only as we may become. Our fear comes from feeling inadequate, flawed, not in control. But "perfect love casts out fear."

Love teaches us to love others even though they are different and even though they may not be positively inclined toward us. How do we do this? If we really believe God is love, we will be creative and committed in our efforts.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Communion Service

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: *"For the beauty of the earth"*

#434

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, at all times and in all circumstances you are perfect grace and endless love. We are moved to worship you as the Creating One, the redeeming Son, and the leading Holy Spirit. Ever-patient God, trusting in your great loving-kindness, we confess that while we were created to love, too often we have not shown it. While we have been called to be compassionate, too often we are cold and full of judgment. While we have been called to follow, too often we are distracted by our own desires and plans. Forgive us for the ways we fall short and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Come to the Water"*

* Children's Hymn: *"I'm gonna live so God can use me"* #648

(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

"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

Rose Ducharme (Marg Stein's mother)

Al & Marilyn Miller's daughter-in-law

Michelle, wife of Jamie (Calgary)

Carol, Meta Evans' daughter



Summer will soon be upon us and with summer comes Pres-B-Camp!!! Pres-B-Camp is a week-long overnight summer camp for those entering grades 3-8 this fall. This year camp will be held on July 19-

25th. In addition, there will also be a weekend Teen Retreat for those entering gr. 9 and up on August 21-23rd. This year the presbytery has decided that if you bring a friend to camp that has never been before both of you will get half off the cost of camp! If you have any questions please contact Sarah Campbell (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com) or Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com) Grab your camper or staff application form from the Church office now!!!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church presents "The American Songbook" featuring the Bottom of the Barrel Dixieland Band, Forever Young and John Petch Quartet on Friday, May 15th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds help restore historic St Andrew's.

The Karen People Refugee Sponsorship Foundation will be having a fundraising dinner at 1st Pres. on May 23rd starting at 6 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 and free for children under 3. Tickets are available at the church office, from KPRSF members and Belluz Realty on Arthur St. Also tickets will be available from Leslie Shaw after church beginning today. There will only be 100 tickets available.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Sandra Allan
Fellowship Time: Evelyn Kinsman and Vikki & Ian Kinsman
Elevator Operator: Russ Brown
Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy, Leila Pettigrew
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Beth Workman

Next week's volunteers: May 10th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Richard Noy
Fellowship Time: Alice and Laird Morrison
Elevator Operator: Al Irwin
Offering Counting: Margaret and Terry Stein
Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor
Visiting: Beth Workman

Upcoming Events at First

Tues., May 5th - More than Mission - 1 pm
Thurs., May 7th - Bible Study - 10 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm
Fri., May 8th - Crafts and Conversation - 1 pm
Mon., May 11th - Cards afternoon - 1 pm
Wed., May 13th - Session Meeting - 7 pm

Needed

One or two folding chairs suitable for use in the elevator. If you have same please drop off by church entrance door - main level



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

Bible Readings:

Exodus 3: 4-12 P. 50 O.T.
Psalm 40: 1-8 P. 513 O.T.
Exodus 4: 10-17 P. 51 O.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: "Send Someone Else"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response 434 (v.5)**

For each perfect gift of thine, to the earth so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability. Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and in action. We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you. Use these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers. In the name of the One who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn: "Worship the Lord" #555**

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again

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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: *"Be thou my vision"*

#461

Blessing

Response: *Go now in peace* (Besig/Price)

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe,

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.



next Sunday (May 10th)
elder ballot deadline

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.