

"They'll know we are Christians by our love..."

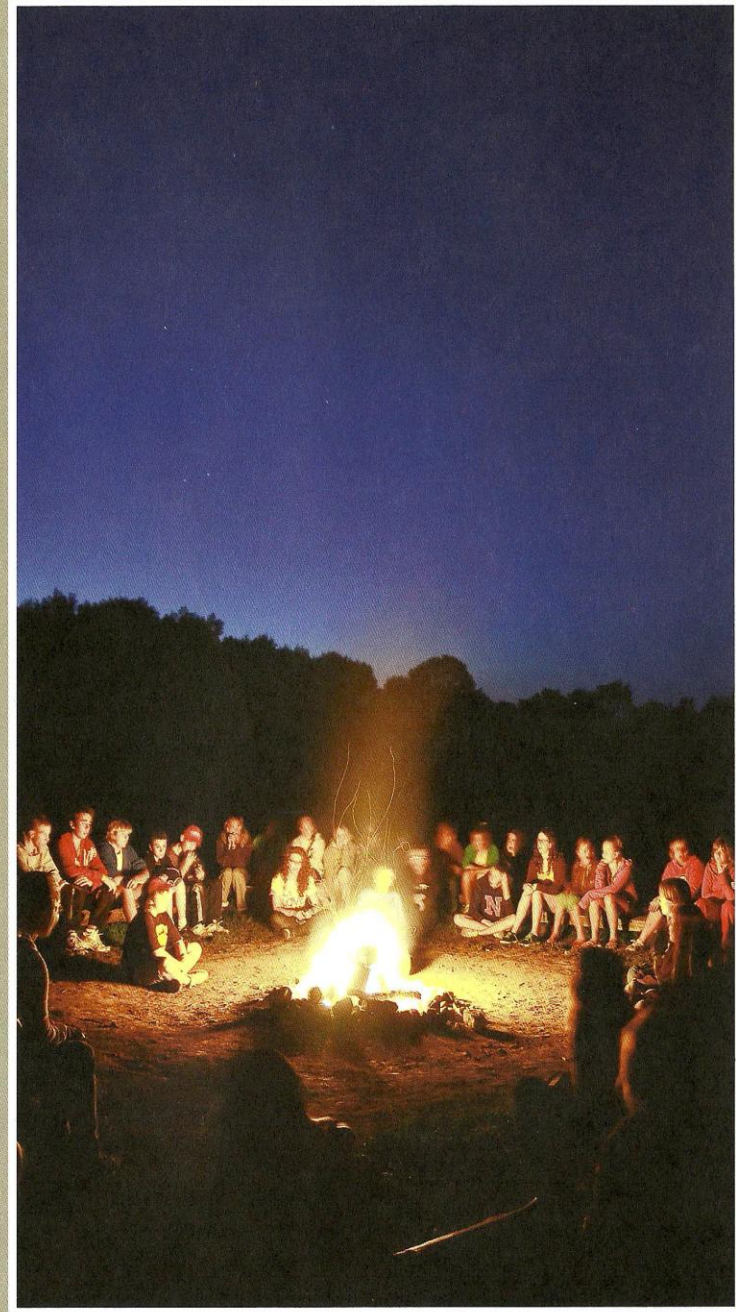
The theology of 1 John 5:1-6 seems to have influenced Peter Scholtes when he wrote this song that many of us frequently sang in church and around campfires. The song captures the message that those who come from God love God and others in God's name. 1 John tells us that there is an interconnectedness to love; the way we love others demonstrates our love for God.

While this song is sung easily and readily sticks in our mind, it's much more challenging to actually live the message out. Loving those who are like us is one thing, but loving those who are different from us or challenge us is quite another. Being unified and guarding another's dignity and pride is not always easy.

If our actions speak louder than words, what do our actions tell others about how we love God?

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Christian Family 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

"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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *"Great is thy faithfulness"* #324

Opening Prayer:

Risen Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. In you we live and move and have our being. Your love is our strength. Your energy is our joy. Your faithfulness is our security. We offer you our praises with thankful, joyful hearts. As we worship you, we also ask you to forgive us for all the ways we disregard your deep love for us. Forgive us for our lack of reverence for the earth; for our greed leading to unnecessary exploitation; for our pride which leads us to ignore or harm others. Forgive us and recreate us in your image and likeness. Deepen our love so that we may be transformed to live as the Easter people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Be Still"*

* Children's Hymn: *"Follow me, the Master said"* #645

(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.

Bible Readings:

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

P. 784

O.T.

Psalms 104: 24-33

P. 555 & 556

O.T.

John 15: 1-8

P. 109

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: "Abide in the Vine"

* Hymn: *"In the bulb there is a flower"* #674

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

Holy Lord, you have perfected love among us by sending your son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We humbly acknowledge that your gift is an overwhelming pronouncement of grace. We share these tithes and offerings today with the hope that your children everywhere will be anointed with the knowledge that your perfect love casts out all fears. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"We have this ministry"* #590

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.



On Saturday, April 25, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal. The destruction is far-reaching. Current reports place the death toll at over 5,000, with many more injured. These numbers are only expected to rise.

From the city of Kathmandu to the slopes of Mount Everest, the immense devastation has left thousands of people without secure shelter or access to food, water and sanitation services. **PWS&D is responding through the ACT Alliance to meet these basic needs.**

PWS&D is urging Canadians to take action and respond to the earthquake in Nepal. For all eligible donations made until May 25, the Government of Canada will contribute a matching amount for Canada's "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund."

Your donations and prayers will help bring relief to those who are suffering.

Make a donation through your church, mail a cheque, donate online or call 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark all donations "Nepal Earthquake



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)



TODAY: elder ballot deadline.

If you have misplaced your ballot package there are extras at the back of the church.

Church Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday May 30, from 9 am to 1 pm. Please plan ahead with sale or bake items. Volunteers welcome for set-up on Friday, the sale and clean-up on Saturday. Thanks for any help that you can give! Contacts: Tracey Jorgenson 939-1994, Janet Racey 939-1620 and Linda Rydholm 577-9260.



Thank you to Tom for donating the two folding chairs for the elevator.



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the John Howard Society.

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. There will only be 100 tickets available.



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!!! **Early registration deadline is June 1st.**



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Alice and Laird Morrison

Elevator Operator: Al Irwin

Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Betty Ann Burn and Ruth George

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

Visiting: Beth Workman

Next week's volunteers: May 17th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Janet Racey

Fellowship Time: Ruth George and Cheong Lo Lee

Elevator Operator: Russ Brown

Offering Counting: Maybelle Gair, Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone

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

Visiting: Beth Workman

Upcoming Events at First

Mon., May 11th	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Wed., May 13th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., May 14th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Tues., May 19th	- Mission Study	- 1:30 pm
Wed., May 20th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm



Upcoming More than Muffin sale

on Sunday, May 31st after service. Proceeds will go to a Ukrainian family caught up in the civil conflict.

Summer Newsletter Deadline

Please have submissions in to the office by May 27th
Drop them off in the mail slot or Email them to first@tbaytel.net.

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.