

"Reconciliation is neither automatic, nor inevitable;

every step towards the goal of justice and reconciliation requires sacrifice, suffering and struggle." This is God's appointed time for vigorous and positive action.

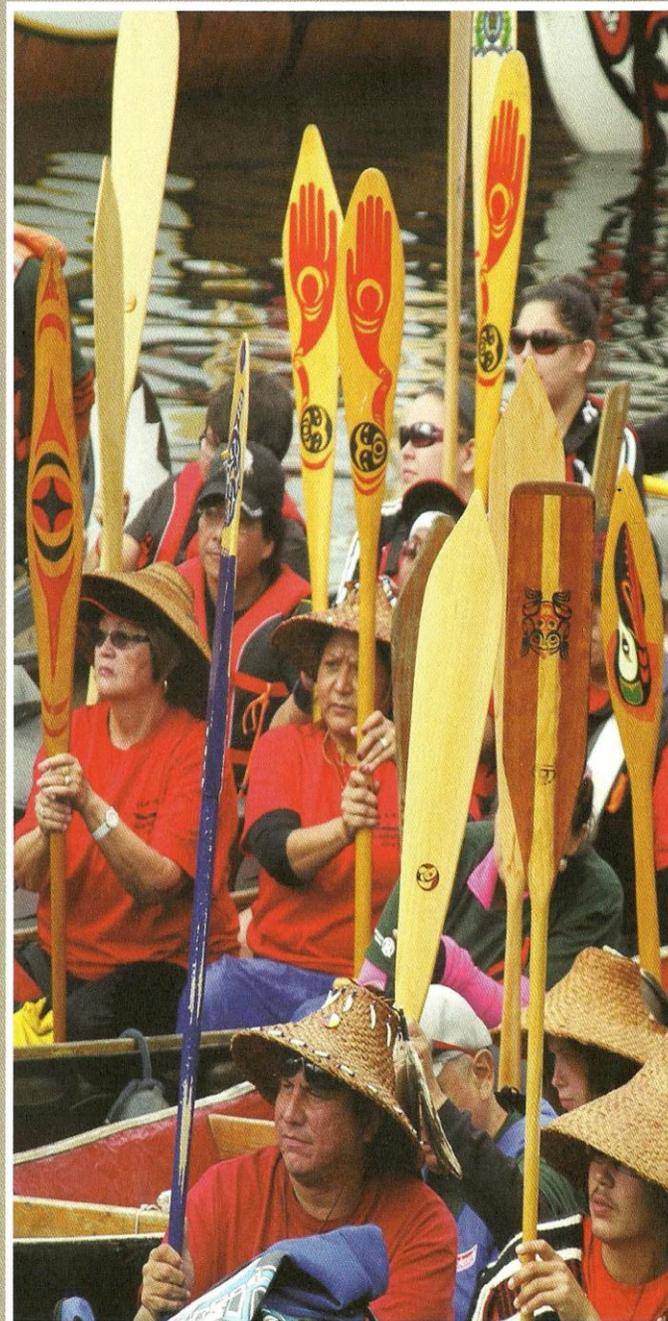
Paul continues a plea with the Church in Corinth and his plea was for reconciliation, not in the future but now. He appeals to them not to respond in such a way that God's grace in Christ will have no meaningful effect on them and also points out that God's Kairos, God's appointed time, is now.

In our context where we continue to do ministry, there are many who are still experiencing hurt, anger and loss in their lives but still desire participation in the process of reconciliation. The lives of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal peoples intersect where the church lives, and it is here when the gospel is preached and heard, the Kairos, the time of God's salvation is experienced.

Our continued journey of reconciliation is possible because the grace of God enables us to move beyond any hindrance to us experiencing that grace. Amen.

The Rev. Germaine Lovelace is minister at First in Kenora, ON.

Photo: All Nations Canoe Gathering, TRC national event, Vancouver, BC, 2013,
photo by Stephen Kendall



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 21, 2015

Elder Ordination 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: *"Now thank we all our God"*

#457

Opening Prayer:

Holy and loving One, Creator of heaven and earth: We remember that when we are lost, you find us. When we are overcome, you speak words of peace. When sorrow sets in, you redeem situations that seem beyond hope. You are with us always, but we often live apart from you. We confess that we have been confident in our own abilities, but our trust in you fails. We often have much to say about things of little value, but have been silent when we should have spoken up for justice. We have heard your call to faithful living, but our fear has held us back. Create in us clean hearts and set us free to live as your faithful and loving people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: *"One pair of hands"* by Cyril Johnson

* Children's Hymn: *"The storm is strong; we face the wind"* #728
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

"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)

Meta Evans' daughter, Carol

Jane Po

Lawrie Rydholm

Janet Renton



Congratulations to: Don & Lesley Murray and Lawrie & Linda Rydholm on their upcoming 45th wedding anniversaries. Both couples were married in 1st Pres. on June 26th, 1970.

Summer 2015 Camp Donations

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please write your name beside what you would be able to provide.

Please bring food, monetary or craft supply donations to the Church Office (examples of craft supplies list at the back of church). Deadline anytime up to July 5th so we can get the donations to St. Andrews by July 6th. Thank you.



Forms for Pres-B-Camp are available in the church office. 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).



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lynae Grace

Fellowship Time: Isobel Telford and Val Calder

Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison

Offering Counting: Kathleen, Richard and Cameron Noy

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

Phoning/Visiting:

Next week's volunteers: June 28th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lynae Grace

Fellowship Time: Myrna Grace and Lynae Grace

Elevator Operator: _____

Offering Counting: Betty Ann Burn, Sandra Allan, Ruth Geroge

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

Phoning/Visiting:

Grass Cutting:

June 15 to June 28 - Cameron & Richard Noy

June 29 to July 12 - the Karens

Upcoming Events at First

Mon., June 22nd - Cards afternoon - 1 pm

Fri., June 26th - Crafts & Conversation - 1 pm

We have had a few requests for more handicap parking closer to the church doors. It has been a couple weeks since the handicap parking sign has been moved to Grey St. Handicap parking will be in effect adjacent to the light pole to the new sign on Grey St PLUS 1 vehicle in the driveway to the cell tower. Please also take note that these are courtesy signs and apply only to Sunday services at this time. If you have any comments or suggestions feel free to contact Richard Noy or Jim Sutton or the church Secretary or use the request for action form. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Church Directory - Will someone please volunteer to schedule the photo taking and pick ups for a new directory? Probable photo dates - Sept 28 to Oct 3. Contact the Church Office.



Reminder:

Please bring in food bank donations for next Sunday

Bible Readings:

Mark 4: 35-41

P. 39

N.T.

Psalm 107: 23-32

P. 560

O.T.

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

P. 181 & 182

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: "Fear and Faith"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response**

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Live in charity and steadfast love;

live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Prayer of Dedication

Abundant One, we offer you these gifts in gratitude for your steadfast guidance in our lives. We pray that these resources will provide ministries to the suffering, food to the hungry, hope to the poor, and a spiritual presence to the needy. In the name of the one who suffered for our sake, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services,
but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Though we have different gifts, together we are called to be the church with a ministry in the world which is led by the risen Christ.

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.

Narration of Steps**The Ordination Vows****The Congregation's Vows:**

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength?

We do.

2. Do you receive these elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ?

We do.

3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to keep these promises.

Amen.

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ORDINATION PRAYER

We praise and glorify you, Lord God Almighty, for you have created us and called us to yourself; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ your Son; you sustain our lives and our works through the presence and power of your Holy Spirit. Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for these men and women whom you have called to serve you as ruling elders. By the power of your Spirit, develop in them the gifts of ministry; may they have the same mind that was in Christ, serving you in the world as long as they shall live; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

God of Grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

Declaration**Right Hand of Fellowship****Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)****WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

*** Hymn: "Take my life, and let it be consecrated" #637**

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!**

**Electronic Funds Transfer/
Pre-Authorized Remittance program:**

Due to a new business cost at the credit union, the Board of Managers has decided to switch to the Presbyterian/United Church in Canada Preauthorized Remittance program. Although there is a cost involved with the new program as well, it is much less than we would be charged by the credit union.

Unfortunately, we will need our current users of the pre-authorized offering system to bring in a void cheque and sign a new form. On a positive note – the new forms are much easier to read! If you are using the automatic offering system, please speak to Sandy Allan to complete the paperwork.

As well, please note that due to time constraints, the electronic transfer of funds may not happen for the month of July. You might want to consider using one of your extra envelopes that Sandy has/can provide for July.

Your continued support of First Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated and the Board apologizes for any inconvenience this change-over may cause.

One Pair of Hands

Arr. Carroll Roberson

One pair of hands formed the mountains.
One pair of hands formed the sea.
One pair of hands made the sun and the moon,
Every bird, every flower, every tree.
One pair of hands formed the valleys,
The ocean, the river, and the sand.
Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong,
Put your faith into one pair of hands.

One pair of hands healed the sick.
One pair of hands raised the dead.
One pair of hands calmed the raging storm,
And thousands of people were fed.
One pair of hands said, "I love you."
and those hands were nailed to a tree.
Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong,
Put your faith into one pair of hands.

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