

Lectionary Readings: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 or Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 22:1-15 or Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16;  
Mark 10:17-31; Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

## Last summer, my husband and I

were visiting Prince Edward Island. Somehow when I visit the island, I am so much more aware of God's abundance. Has God blessed the Islanders more abundantly? I don't think so. But perhaps because I'm on holidays and away from the hectic pace, I have more time to appreciate God's wonders and goodness. Psalm 126 reads, *"Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!"*

And what joy indeed. Are we not blessed! So for sure we go to God when we're in need—in times of illness, anxiety or loss. And God is always there. But we need to remember to take time every day to praise and thank God for all our blessings. We receive from God 86,400 seconds every single day. Let's take a few of those seconds and be thankful. Matthew 6, verse 32: Your heavenly father already knows all your needs and will give you all you need from day to day if you live for God and make the kingdom of God your primary concern.

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Harvest Sunday



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 11, 2015

## Harvest 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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

#### \* Entry of the Bible

#### Introit

#### Call to Worship

\* Hymn: *"For the fruits of all creation"* #802

#### Opening Prayer:

**Giving, forgiving, and healing God: We gather in the light and beauty of your creation to worship and adore you. With our songs and poetry and words we sing your praises. With our lives we offer you our worship and our adoration. You are the first and the last; the giver of all good things; the redeemer of all that is. Yet, we honestly confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we have taken more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we are too often indifferent to despair. Forgive us and transform our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"We sing of Thanksgiving"*

\* 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

Lord, listen to your children praying;  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love; send us power, send us grace!

"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

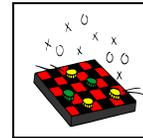
Al & Marilyn Miller's daughter-in-law,  
Jennifer

Meta Evans' daughter, Carol

Jane Po

Janet Renton

Rose Ducharme (Marg Stein's mother)



#### October 17 at 7:00pm:

The Fellowship Committee invites you to bring your favourite game and come out for a games night at the church.

They are hoping to reintroduce Disking as well!

Attention all youth! The Presbyterian Youth Group will be starting up again on Sunday, October 18th. The meeting will be at St. Andrews from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades 5 and up are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Campbell ([sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com)) or Will Newton ([newton9455@hotmail.com](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com)).

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Flipper Flanagan's Flat Footed Four will be at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 23rd from 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at J.B. Evans, St. Andrew's Church or Fireweed.

MISSION STUDY: The first of an eight part series on Women Around the World will begin on October 20 at 1:30 in the John Currie Room. We will look at the special ways in which our church is working to support and encourage women around the world.



**Thank you this week to:**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Lynae Grace  
**Fellowship Time:** Carol & Leo Wehrstedt  
**Elevator Operator:** Al Irwin  
**Offering Counting:** Lynae Grace & Myrna Grace  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting/Phoning:** Ruth George

**Next week's volunteers: Oct. 18th**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Bobbie Casella  
**Fellowship Time:** Fred & Donna Johnson  
**Elevator Operator:** Russ Brown  
**Offering Counting:** Val Calder & Isobel Telford  
**Offering Collection:** Russ Brown, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor  
**Visiting/Phoning:** Ruth George

**Upcoming Events at First**

Mon., Oct. 12th - **Cards afternoon cancelled**  
 Wed., Oct. 14th - Session Meeting - 7 pm  
 Thurs., Oct. 15th - Bible Study - 10 am  
 - Choir Practice - 7 pm  
 Sat., Oct. 17th - Family Games Night - 7 pm  
 Tues., Oct. 20th - Mission Study resumes - 1:30 pm  
 Wed., Oct. 21st - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm



**Upcoming More than Muffin sale**

**NEXT SUNDAY  
 after service.**



Tea and Bazaar - Sat Oct 24 - from 2 to 4 pm. Co-chairs are Janet Racey at 939-1620 or [jracey@tbaytel.net](mailto:jracey@tbaytel.net) and Linda Rydholm at 577-9260 or [lrydholm@yahoo.com](mailto:lrydholm@yahoo.com). Volunteer sheets and yellow flyers are in the vestibule. Please sign up to help in some capacity. Also, take some yellow flyers to invite friends, relatives, neighbours. With a "Scottish theme" this year, there will be bagpipes, scones, shortbread, plaids/tartans, etc. when we host people in our church!

**Bible Readings:**

Matthew 6: 24-34	P. 6	N.T.
Psalms 112	P. 563	O.T.
Matthew 25: 14-30	P. 28 & 29	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: "Stewardship Part 3: From Scarcity to Abundance"**

**\* Hymn: "God, whose giving knows no ending" #663**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response - #661 - We give thee but thine own (Verse 2)**

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
 And gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Almighty God, you continue to bless our lives in many intrinsic and intangible ways. When our financial gifts are used to support mission and ministry, we see other people blessed in very tangible ways. Our desire is to place you first in our financial decision-making. May this offering be a time when we do place you first. We are grateful for the opportunity to support mission and ministry in your name. We pray in the name of the One through whom all things are possible. Amen.**

**SACREMENT OF BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**Introduction**

**The Presentation**

**Renunciation and Affirmation**

**The Congregation Vows:**

Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Michael, Colin, Caitlyn, Bryan, and Jeannine, by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ and to be faithful members of his church? If so, answer, "We do."

**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 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.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O gracious God, for the gifts of water and your Spirit. In the beginning, when your Spirit moved over the waters, you gave order and life to your planet earth. By the waters of the flood you cleansed the earth, and established with Noah and his family a new beginning for all people.

In the time of Moses, you led your people out of slavery through the waters of the sea, making covenant with them in a new land. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus Christ, who was formed in the water of a woman's womb. In the water of Jordan, Jesus was baptized and anointed by your Holy Spirit.

Gracious God; by the gift of water and your Holy Spirit you sustain all life.

Almighty God; by the power of your Holy Spirit, and by the sign of this water, you cleanse from sin through the death of Jesus Christ, those who receive this sacrament; you raise them to new life through his resurrection, and you graft them into his body, the church.

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Pour out your Spirit upon these your children, that they may have power to do your will and continue forever as servants of Christ to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Baptism****Declaration and Welcome****Thanksgiving and Intercession****The Blessing****The Charge****Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts ....debtors)****WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

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

**Blessing****Response:****726**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share  
our joy with all, working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**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.