

We live in the information age.

Need to know something? Just Google it and in .38 seconds you will have 128,000 references at your fingertips. Every hour, no, every minute we are bombarded with thousands of bits of information to process.

We have become connoisseurs of the trivial. We hand out million dollar prizes to those who can compute the most mundane pieces of data. Yet we take pride in our knowledge: we are the most intelligent beings to ever live. Is there anything we don't comprehend? We are know-it-alls.

But in the midst of knowing it all, of having an answer to everything, have we lost sight of mystery? For all our knowledge, all our information, all our trivia, life and breath remain a mystery, comprehended fully only by the God who gave it: who gives it to us, who gave it to Job.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Reformation 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 - Joseph Tassone Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing" #374

Opening Prayer:

O Lord our God, you have been our guide through all of the changing scenes of our lives. You have been with us in our joy and in our trouble; in our sickness and in our health; in times when we have stood on lofty mountains and in times when we have travelled in dark valleys. For all of this, we give you praise and adoration. Forgive us for the ways in which we have cut ourselves off from you, and for the ways in which we have put the things of this world on your throne. Forgive us for the ways in which we have cut ourselves off from others, and for the ways in which, knowingly and unknowingly, we have participated in systems that beat others down while raising us up. Grant that we may be healed and freed to follow after you and to live lives marked by your love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "Jesus leads me all the way"

* Children's Hymn: "O God beyond all praising" #448
(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.

Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

P. 734

O.T.

Psalms 126

P. 572 & 573

O.T.

Mark 10: 46-52

P. 47

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: "The Promise of Wholeness"

* Hymn: "Hail, our once-rejected Jesus" #353

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

Redeeming Lord, we continually seek your comfortable refuge. You deliver us from our unfounded fears and provide us with miraculous examples of your love. In response, we offer these gifts. We pray that these funds will provide an outreach that warms people with your resplendent love. As a church community, we exalt and praise your holy name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: "Amazing Grace" (verses 1, 2, 3, and 5) #670

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.

Prayer Concerns:

Because our prayer list is always changing as prayer needs change, we will no longer be printing a prayer list in the bulletin. We invite you to add names to the prayer list in the church foyer at the beginning of worship.

Those names will appear in the Pastoral Prayer for two weeks. If you feel prayer is still needed for those individuals, you are welcomed to add their names back onto the list where they will remain for another two weeks.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian one year anniversary Sanctuary restoration celebration worship service is TONIGHT @ 7 pm.

Thank You to EVERYONE who helped in any way with the Tea and Bazaar which was held at 1st Pres yesterday. Appreciatively, co-chairs Janet Racey and Linda Rydholm

There will be a youth group Halloween party at on Sunday, November 1st at Lakeview Church from 6:30 until 8:30. All youth grades 5 and up are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Will Newton (newton9455@hotmail.com) or Sarah Campbell (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com).

Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot Street, will host a Christmas Dessert Tea and Bazaar on Saturday, November 14th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Featuring Craft and Bake Tables, a Tweekie Table and Much More! Tickets are \$5.00; available at the door. For information call the church office at 345-8823.

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: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Evelyn Kinsman and Vikki & Ian Kinsman

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting/Phoning: Ruth George

Next week's volunteers: Nov. 1st

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Janet Racey

Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson and Leslie Shaw

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Doug & Joleen Brown and Don Munn

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting/Phoning: Ruth George

Upcoming Events at First

Mon., Oct. 26th	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Thurs., Oct. 29th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Sun., Nov. 1st	Communion Service	
Tues., Nov. 3rd	- More than Mission	- 1 pm

Visiting regularly? Would you like Sunday Offering Envelopes or to participate in our automatic banking program? Please speak to the church's envelope secretary, Sandy Allan. Either choice will make it easier for us to track your donations and provide an accurate tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

Fall collection of used glasses/sunglasses till mid November. Please bring in your used glasses and help someone in need see! A collection box is set up in the foyer. Thanks Deborah Broll



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