

Good news!

God's promises are as good as a done deal. So when the prophet Isaiah shares the LORD's life-giving, soul-affirming declaration to a struggling people in exile, there is good reason to stand up, take notice and celebrate with joyful hearts. "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."
(Isaiah 43:1b, NRSV)

In baptism, we are grafted into the covenant family of God. At Jesus' baptism, Luke records these words of blessing and affirmation from the heavenly voice: "You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
(Luke 3:22b, NRSV)

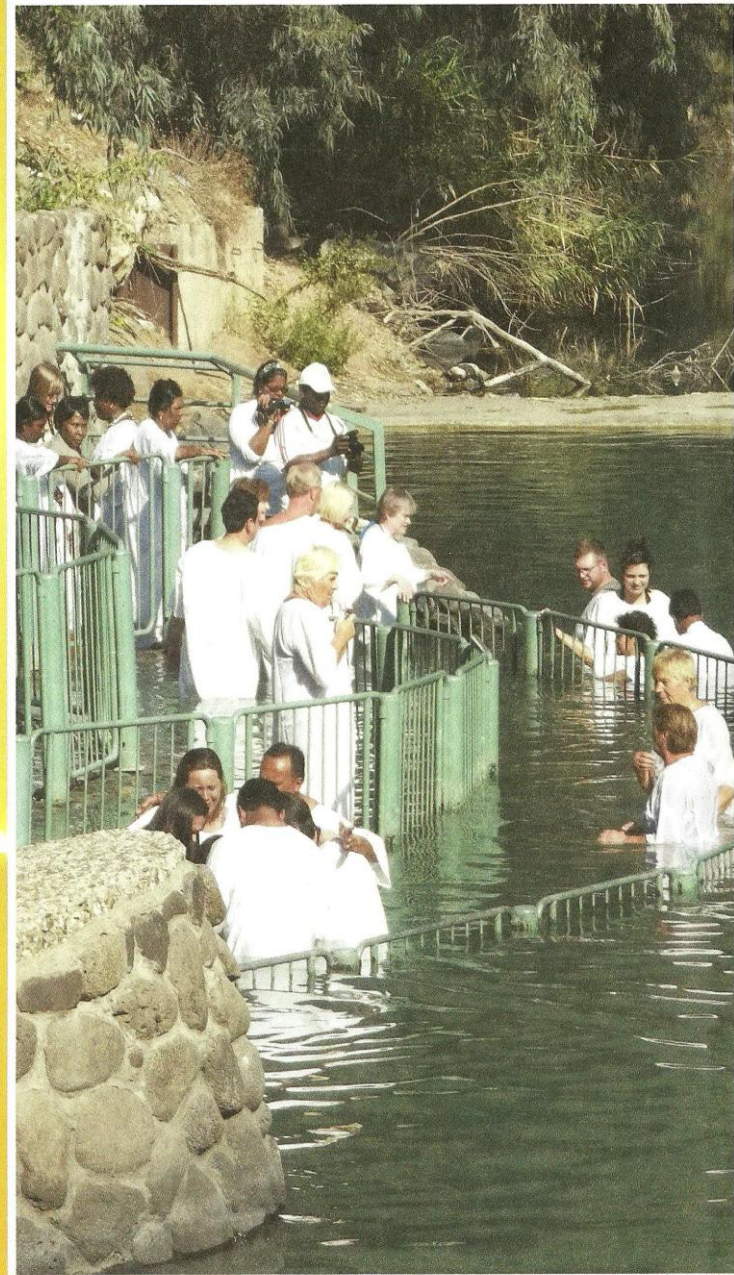
God reaches out to each one of us with words of grace and acceptance. Whoever we are, wherever life takes us, we are God's. Named in baptism; loved unconditionally; personally adopted as family, we are brothers and sisters of our Lord. Here indeed is good news:
WE BELONG TO GOD!

The Rev. Dr. Rick Horst was Moderator of the 137th General Assembly and shares ministry at St. Andrew's in Barrie, ON.

Photo by Rick Horst



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Baptism of the Lord

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

"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.

Welcome & Announcements

Anne MacDonald

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *"Let there be light"* #727

Opening Prayer:

Lord we draw together searching for truth.
We draw together to share the Good News.
We draw together to renew our faith in you.
Lord, show us the way. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

* Children's Hymn: *"Tell me the stories of Jesus"* #348
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation 452 (v.2)

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Prayer of Illumination

Bible Readings:

James 2: 1-10	P. 229	N.T.
Psalms 29	P. 504 & 505	O.T.
Mark 4: 26- 34	P. 38 & 39	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: "Sow What?"

Special Music: *"Jesus lover of my soul"* by Lloyd Jones

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 275

Let every creature rise and bring the honours due
our glorious King; angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Ever-present God, with this offering, we present
also ourselves. All that we have been, all that we
are, all that we shall become and our resolve to
walk in your way. Accept us and our offering,
we pray for Jesus sake. Amen

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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

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!

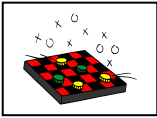


Upcoming Events at First

- Mon., Jan. 11th - Cards afternoon - 1 pm
- Wed., Jan. 13th - Session Meeting - 7 pm
- Thurs., Jan. 14th - Bible Study luncheon - 11 am
- Choir Practice - 7 pm
- Sat., Jan. 16th - Presbytery-wide Family Games Night & Potluck - 5:30 pm
- Tues., Jan. 19th - Mission Study - 1:30 pm
- Wed., Jan. 20th - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm

Please take note - choir practice is now at 7 pm

This Saturday, January 16th at 5:30 pm:



The Fellowship Committee invites all members of all four local Presbyterian Churches to a Family Games Night and Potluck at First



Mission Study:

Tuesday, January 19th at 1:30 in the John Currie room.
Unmasking the Truth: The Women's Experiences of Violence and Abuse in the Home This is the second part of the WMS study found in Glad Tidings.

Thanks Received:

Mission to Seafarers and Faye Peterson Transition House sent thank you's for the collection of winter wear donations.

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:** Evelyn Konrad
- Fellowship Time:** Evelyn Kinsman and Vikki & Ian Kinsman
- Elevator Operator:** _____
- Offering Counting:** Doug & Joleen Brown and Don Munn
- Offering Collection:** R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook
- Phoning/Visiting:** Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Jan. 17th

- Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
- Lay Reader:** Lloyd Jones
- Fellowship Time:** Beth and Robert Workman
- Elevator Operator:** _____
- Offering Counting:** Kathleen, Richard and Cameron Noy
- Offering Collection:** R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook
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NOTICE: all annual reports must be submitted to the office no later than NEXT TUESDAY, January 19, 2016. Email submission for cut and paste purposes would be much appreciated.

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.



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