

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Communion Service / PWS&D Sunday
Transfiguration 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

Pianist – Min Yeong Sin Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *"For the beauty of the earth"*

#434

Opening Prayer:

God of Grace and of glory: your presence is revealed in radiant glory and in gentle whispers; on mountain tops and lowly plains; in classrooms and hospital beds; in homes and in churches; in nature and in the cities; in silence and in beauty. We come before you to dwell in your goodness, to bask in your light, and offer you the praise you deserve. We come also confessing that which keeps us from living fully into your presence. Forgive us for being distracted by greed and pride; for lingering in our own disappointments and anger rather than following you with joy and dedication; for failing to hear your voice leading us into the hope that you offer.

Transfigure us by your grace. Mold our will to yours so we can dwell more closely with you and one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Fill My Cup"*

* Children's Hymn: *"Jesus bids us shine"*

#773

(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#64 v.1

Be still and know that I am God.
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"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.

Upcoming Events at First

Mon., Feb. 8th	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Wed., Feb. 10th	- Session Meeting	- 7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 11th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Fri., Feb. 12th	- Crafts and Conversation	- 1 pm
Tues., Feb. 16th	- Mission Study	- 1:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 17th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm

On February 20 & 21, our church will be having a presbytery visitation. The visitation team will be comprised of Ken Haggarty (Calvin), Audrey Johnston (St. Andrew's, Geraldton), and Jim Calhoun (Lakeview). This is a routine visit as Presbytery seeks to regain its regular schedule of church visitations.

One of the most important functions of the presbytery is the exercise of pastoral care over the congregations within its bounds. In the Presbyterian system, the minister is not a member of the congregation he/she serves. As a member of the presbytery, the minister comes under the oversight and discipline of the court. A presbytery visitation is an honest and constructive pastoral discussion with a view to the renewal and building up of the whole people of God in the local situation. The aim is to establish and maintain a relationship of supportive concern between the presbytery and the congregations, including clergy and church workers.

Presbytery will meet with session, the congregation, and the minister on separate occasions over the two days. The minister is not present for session or congregational visits.

The congregational visit will occur directly after worship on Feb. 21.

Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella

Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson and Leslie Shaw

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy, Leila Pettigrew

Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook

Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson



Next week's volunteers: Feb.14th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Sandra Allan and Betty Ann Burn

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Offering Counting: Maybelle Gair, Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone

Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook

Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

More Than Mission raised \$184 at their bake sale. Thank you for your generous support. This is in support of PWS&D's project in Malawi to help women.

Pastor Shep

"No one who is proud can pray. The gate of heaven is so low that none can enter it save upon their knees."—William Barclay



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Bible Readings:

Exodus 34:29-35

P. 81

O.T.

Psalms 99

P. 552

O.T.

Luke 9:28-36

P. 69-70

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: "Beyond the Veil"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:**

#501

**Live in charity and steadfast love;
live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Almighty and Giving God, you have given us life and furnished it with many blessings. In Christ you have given yourself to us. And now, we offer back to you some portion of our living—the work of our hands, the wealth of our earnings, the love of our hearts. Use us and these gifts for the building up of your kingdom in this world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn: "Seek ye first"**

#625

Affirmation of Faith - 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 again 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.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Eucharist is thanksgiving to God.

We pray for the world

and with gratitude offer our lives to God.

We celebrate his victory over death

and anticipate the joyous feast we shall have in his coming kingdom.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Through the words of your prophets you gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new.

Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.

We thank you for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you he took up his cross and died that we might live.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

We come to this, His Table, in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit: on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another—one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

Be with us now through your Holy Spirit as we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

#371

Blessing

Response:

#624

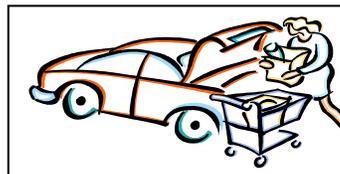
**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.**

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.

Spring Newsletter Deadline

Please have submissions in to the office by February 16th. Drop them off in the mail slot or Email them to: first@tbavtel.net.



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