

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 14, 2016

First Sunday in Lent

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

"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.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

\* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship – Janet Racey (See Insert)

\*Hymn: *"Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer"* #372

Opening Prayer:

**God of life and redemption: we rejoice in your loving kindness and grace, which have filled creation from the beginning. We praise you for Christ, who reveals most fully your loving purposes for all people. We praise you for your Spirit, who guides and nurtures us and draws all humanity into the circle of your tender love. Hear us as we speak to you about the truth of our lives. We have sinned against you by the way we have done things and by what we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving, so that we might protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and have relied on the empty promises of this world. Forgive us and help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits. Forgive what we have done and direct who we should be. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Steal Away"* solo by Bob Vander Ploeg

\*Children's Hymn: *"Who made the earth and the heaven"* #339  
(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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Bible Readings:

Revelation 21:1-4	P. 259	N.T.
Psalms 118:15-24	P. 565-566	O.T.
Luke 7:11-17	P. 65-66	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 Gospel Embodied: Touch"*

\* Hymn: *"The church's one foundation"* #479

## 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:

**God of all giving and of life: we thank you for all that we have received from you. Your blessings give us pleasure, joy, and meaning. Bless the gifts we bring; use them and us to help establish your reign in this world you love. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of all, Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts ....debtors)

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* Hymn: *"Brother, sister, let me serve you"* #635

Blessing

Response: #624

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



### **Upcoming Events at First**

Tues. Feb. 16th	- Mission Study	- 1:30 pm
Thurs. Feb. 18th	- Bible Study	- 10 am
	- Choir Practice	- 7 pm
Feb. 20 & 21st	-Presbytery Visitation	
Mon. Feb. 22nd	- Cards afternoon	- 1 pm
Wed. Feb. 24th	- Board of Managers	- 6:30 pm
Sun. Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	- AGM	-after lunch

The AGM reports are out at the back of the church. You are invited to take one and return with it on February 28th for the meeting. Thank you.

On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, the Shaarey Shomayim Synagogue will be hosting a Teaching Seder in which participants can learn about the rituals of the Seder, the Jewish celebration of Passover, by sampling the ritual foods, singing songs, and discussing the relationship between the Jewish Passover and the Last Supper. Feel free to contact Dr. Daniel Hannah at [shaareyoftbay@gmail.com](mailto:shaareyoftbay@gmail.com) for more information. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online at: [www.tinyurl.com/tbay-teaching-seder](http://www.tinyurl.com/tbay-teaching-seder)

### **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:** Colin Rackham  
**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

### **Next week's volunteers: Feb. 21st**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Janet Racey  
**Fellowship Time:** Donna and Fred Johnson  
**Elevator Operator:** Laird Morrison  
**Offering Counting:** Val Calder and Isobel Telford  
**Offering Collection:** R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook  
**Visiting/Phoning:** Joan Anderson

There will be a youth group meeting at Lakeview on Sunday, February 28th 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](mailto:newton9455@hotmail.com))  
 Sarah Campbell ([sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com))

To order an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Janet Racey at: 939-1620.

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.