

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Third 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 – Ian Kinsmen

(See Insert)

*Hymn: *"Come, let us sing to the Lord our song"* #412

Opening Prayer:

Creator and sustainer of all things: in you we live and move and have our being. To you we turn as the source of our life. In your depths we find meaning; in your way we find wisdom; in your heights we find light and joy; and in your peace we find hope. Even though we look to you for fulfillment, we often turn our backs to you. We do not always follow the way of the cross. We forget that you provide spiritual food and drink for our souls through Jesus Christ. Often, we think that we have risen above ancient ways of sin, only to be reminded that we still seek after the things which do not satisfy. Instead of being faithful, we put you to the test. Forgive and renew us. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Amazing Grace"*

*Children's Hymn: *"All things bright and beautiful"* #435

(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:

Isaiah 55:1-5	P. 685	O.T.
Psalms 34:1-10	P. 508	O.T.
John 2:1-11	P. 93	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: Taste"*

* Hymn: *"Come, know my joy, the Maker says"* #788

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:

Loving God, accept these our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to bring peace to places of unrest, love to places of hate, joy to places of fear, and hope to places of loss. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Glorious things of thee are spoken"* #483

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

After Worship Today -Lunch & AGM

Fri. Mar. 4th - World Day of Prayer Service	- 2:00 pm
Wed. Mar. 2 - Choir Practice	- 7:00pm
Thurs. Mar. 3 - Bible Study	-10:00am
Sun. Mar. 6 th - Communion	-11:00am

**Thank you to the Scouts for providing our lunch!
(Free will donations are encouraged) Please join us for
our Annual General Meeting after lunch.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held at the Salvation Army Church on Victoria Avenue on Friday, March 4 at 2:00 pm. The program "Receive Children. Receive Me." was written by the women of Cuba.

Notes from Session:

- mark your calendars for Celtic Music Night @ 1st Pres on Sat April 16! More info upcoming
- the Board is in the process of hiring a new secretary/bookkeeper
- the Human Sexuality Study was done and the questionnaire submitted to PCC
- a Prayer Workshop will be held soon by Rev. Mattinson
- 1st Pres will help our Scouts with fundraisers for the Canadian Jamboree 2017
- Charts for the 1st Pres Budget and Presbyterians Sharing will be posted in the church hall
- Teen Challenge will make a presentation this spring on how they help people with addictions, based on Christianity
- Free Methodist Church will worship with us at 1st Pres on Good Friday, March 25
- a recommendation to form a "Future of 1st Pres" Committee will go to the AGM



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Patricia Creed

Fellowship Time: N/A

Elevator Operator: Al Irwin

Offering Counting: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace

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

Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

Next week's volunteers: Mar. 6th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Evelyn Konrad

Fellowship Time: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace

Elevator Operator: Russ Brown

Offering Counting: Kathleen Noy, Richard Noy, and Cameron Noy

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

Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

There will be a youth group meeting at Lakeview TONIGHT 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)

Sarah Campbell (sarahmcampbell@hotmail.com)

Rev. Susan will be leading a Prayer Workshop on Saturday, March 12 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be potluck. Join us as we explore creative ways to pray, such as: protestant prayer beads; praying in colour; and lectio divina/praying with scripture. The workshop will include not just an education component, but also time for individual prayer. Materials will be provided. All ages are welcomed! You are invited to add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church narthex ☺

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



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