

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 6, 2016

Communion Service

Fourth 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 – Brenda Seabrook (See Insert)

* Hymn: *"Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet"* #466

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, as we continue our Lenten journey, we thank you that the cross is not the end of the road, but simply the pathway to deeper, fuller life. We rejoice that in Christ we can face the truth about ourselves, because we know the deeper truth of your reconciling love. Through Christ's death on the cross, you forgive us our sins and accept us into your family as your beloved children. Yet, we don't always live as though we are all included in the circle of your reconciling love. Often we choose to go our own way, convinced that our way is the path to true happiness. At other times, we are so proud of the way we live that we condemn others as unworthy of your love and acceptance. Forgive us and grant that we may grow in the certainty of your constant love for us and for all people. Enable us to hear and accept your word of forgiving love and transforming grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Give Me Jesus"*

* Children's Hymn: *"Follow me, the Master said"* #645
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

Upcoming Events at First

Wed. Mar. 9 - Choir Practice	- 7:00pm
Thurs. Mar. 10 - Bible Study	-10:00am
-Session Meeting	-7:00pm
Fri. Mar. 11 - Crafts and Conversation	-1:00pm
Sat. Mar. 12 - Prayer Workshop (& potluck)	-10am-3pm
Sun. Mar. 13 – 5 th Sunday in Lent	11:00am

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday (Mar. 13th). Please move your clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime on Saturday! ☺

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.

Our church is looking for a part time Secretary/Bookkeeper
Specific duties include: Record Keeping; Coordination of Communication; Office Maintenance; Reception; Paying invoices and remittances; Posting transactions into Simply Accounting; Preparing financial statements. Qualifications include: A minimum of three years directly related work experience; Proficiency in Windows 7, Simply Accounting and Microsoft based programs such as Word, Excel, Access and Publisher; A certificate or diploma in business administration, bookkeeping or accounting an asset.; Excellent interpersonal skills; Demonstrated initiative, including the ability to work with minimal supervision; Excellent written and oral communication skills; Ability to maintain confidentiality; Ability to work flexible hours as required; Class G driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle. This position involves approximately 15 hours of work per week. Specific days and hours can be negotiated at the point of hire. \$9,500.00 per year was approved at our AGM meeting to fund this position. Applications should be submitted by email at first@tbaytel.net or can be dropped off in person at the church.

Thank you this week to:

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



Next week's volunteers: Mar. 13th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Edna Irwin and Sharon Irwin

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Betty Ann Burn, Ruth George, Beth Workman

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

Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

More Than Mission had a speaker from Ecosuperior who shared information on our household cleaning supplies and how the ingredients are often toxic to our environment. Please give these alternative cleansers a try!

FLOORS - In a bucket, mix 1/2 cup of white vinegar with one gallon of hot water. Add 1/8 cup washing soda for a stronger cleanser.

FABRIC SOFTENER - Add 1/2 cup of white vinegar or baking soda to the rinse cycle to reduce static cling and soften water.

FURNITURE POLISH - Combine 1 cup olive, almond or walnut oil with 1/2 cup white vinegar or lemon juice. Mix in a sealed glass jar and store indefinitely. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto most wood surfaces.

Still curious about the ingredients in your favourite cleaner? Check out www.ewg.org for the rank of your cleanser and other health products.

To order an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Janet Racey at: 939-1620. The deadline for orders is Mar. 13th.

More Than Mission will have a soup lunch on March 20. Soup, bread, cookies and beverages will be served with the cost at \$7.00. Proceeds will support PWS&D work in Malawi. Take-out will be available.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#449

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!

Bible Readings:

John 10:1-10

P.103 N.T.

Psalms 62:5-12

P. 526-527 O.T.

Romans 10:13-18

P. 160 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: Hearing"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:**

#661 v.1

**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Prayer of Dedication:

We place these gifts into your hands, O God. Infuse them with your transforming grace, so that they may become seeds springing forth with new life, new songs of praise to you, and new hope for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn: "My shepherd is the King of love"**

#691

Affirmation of Faith – Philippians 2:5-11

As Christians, we strive to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Great is the mystery of our faith.

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

O God, today you have called us together to be the church. As this bread is Christ's body for us, so we are sent out to be the body of Christ in the world. Unite us now, one in Christ Jesus, at your table. Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *“Lord, whose love”*

#722

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!**