

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Fifth 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

"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

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 – Rod MacKay (See Insert)

*Hymn: *"This is my Father's World"* #328

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God: through Christ's death and resurrection, you Have opened the door for us to live each day, certain of your abiding love. Yet we confess that we have a hard time believing this good news, much less living it out in our daily lives. Past mistakes and failures, old regrets and grievances, often come back to haunt us, spoiling the present moment. Forgive us for giving more authority to the voices of condemnation than to your voice of liberation and empowerment. Give us the courage to accept this day as a gift, filled with your presence. Lead us to the refreshing springs of your living waters, so that the parched places of our lives may blossom with new life and new possibilities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"The Water is Wide"*

*Children's Hymn: *"Come, children, join to sing"* #377
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

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:

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| John 12:1-8 | P. 106 | N.T. |
| Psalms 141:1-4 | P. 579 | O.T. |
| 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 | P. 180 | 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: Smell"*

* Hymn: *"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"* #205

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:

Gracious God: even as Mary poured out her love for Jesus, anointing his feet with expensive perfume, Jesus himself was preparing to pour out his very life on the cross for Mary and for all people. And so the dynamic of love given, received, and given again has continued to flow around the world and down the centuries into this very place. Accept the gifts we bring and pour them into the wellspring of your inexhaustible grace, so that your life-giving river may continue to flow, refreshing the world with your mercy and love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Bring many names"* #310

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

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| Mon. Mar. 14 - Cards Afternoon | -1:00pm |
| Tues. Mar. 15 - Mission Study | -1:30pm |
| Wed. Mar. 16 - Board of Managers Meeting | -6:30pm |
| - Choir Practice | -7:00pm |
| Thurs. Mar. 10 - Bible Study | -10:00am |
| Sun. Mar. 20 - Palm Sunday | -11:00am |

Today - Deadline for Easter lily Orders

If you would like to order an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Janet Racey at: 939-1620

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.

On Thursday, March 24th 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 for more information. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 online at: 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: 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

Next week's volunteers: Mar. 20th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandra Allan

Fellowship Time: Joyce Nystrom and Janet Taylor

Elevator Operator: Cameron Noy

Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Seabrook

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

Visiting/Phoning: Joan Anderson

There will be a youth group meeting at First Presbyterian Church 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)

The Karen People Refugee Sponsorship Foundation is looking for three queen sized beds. There are two new Karen families in Thunder Bay who could use these (and bedding is always helpful). Please contact Saw Winning at 577 5948, Leslie Shaw at 475 0731 or Deb Broll at 577 2781 if you can help.

Our Good Friday worship service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on March 25th at 11:00am. We will once again be worshipping with our friends from the Free Methodist Church. All are welcome!



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