

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 20, 2016

## Palm 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

"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 – Beth Workman (See Insert)

\*Hymn: "All glory, laud and honour" #214

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God: we praise you for the love that compelled Christ to Jerusalem, where he knew that suffering and death awaited him. Jesus trusted that your grace would sustain him, even when the powers of evil threatened to overwhelm him. Yet we confess that it is easier for us, who call ourselves Christ's disciples, to follow the crowd rather than to follow Christ in his way of self-giving love. We allow fear and personal gain to drown out your still, small voice within us. We are often more swayed by public opinion than by the enduring values of your kingdom. Forgive us for our wavering discipleship. Remind us that there is only one constant we can truly count on: your steadfast love revealed in Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

\*Children's Hymn: "Tell me the stories of Jesus" #348  
(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:

Isaiah 50:4-9	P. 681	O.T.
Psalms 31:1-8	P. 505-506	O.T.
Luke 19:28-40	P. 83	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: "Shouting Stones"

\* Hymn: "A stable lamp is lighted" #219

## 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:

Holy God, when we look at what you have done for us in Jesus Christ, our offerings seem so small. What difference can our little bit make in the grand scheme of your eternal purposes? Yet the story of Jesus tells us otherwise: five loaves and two fish can become enough to feed a multitude. And so we ask that you would accept the gifts we offer you today, no matter how small they may seem to us. Use them to ensure that the gospel story will continue to be told throughout the world and for generations to come. Amen.

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

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" #375

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

Tues. Mar. 21 - Mission Study -1:00pm  
 Wed. Mar. 23 – Choir Practice -7:00pm  
 Thurs. Mar. 24 – Maundy Thursday  
 - Bible Study -10:00am  
 Fri. Mar. 25 – Good Friday Service -11:00am  
 Sun. Mar. 27 – Easter Sunday & Communion -11:00am

**TODAY - More Than Mission is having a soup lunch. Soup, bread, cookies and beverages will be served with the cost at \$7.00. Proceeds will support PWS&D work in Malawi.**

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

The Thunder Bay Community Choir presents “Come to the Cross: Sacred Music for Good Friday” at Trinity United Church, Friday March 25, 2016 at 7:00pm. Freewill offering will be accepted in support of Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay.

We are in need of someone to take the position of Kitchen Convener for funeral luncheons. Isobel Telford has resigned and we give thanks for all the work she has done! If you are interested in the position, or would like more information, please contact Ruth George at 475-3106.



Reminder:  
Please bring in food bank donations for next Sunday.



### Thank you this week to:

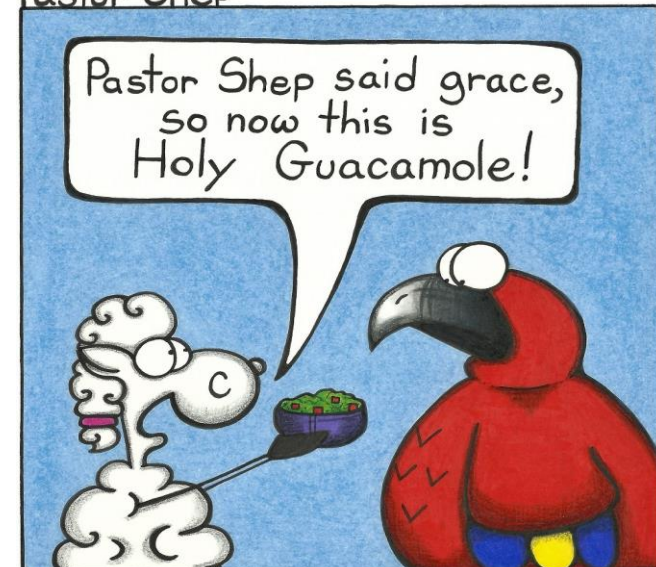
**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Sandra Allan  
**Fellowship Time:** Joyce Nystrom and Janet Taylor  
**Elevator Operator:** Cameron Noy  
**Offering Counting:** Joyce Nystrom and Brenda Seabrook  
**Offering Collection:** R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook  
**Visiting/Phoning:** Judy Hardy

### Next week's volunteers: Mar. 27th

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Lynae Grace  
**Fellowship Time:** Beth and Robert Workman  
**Elevator Operator:** Colin Rackham  
**Offering Counting:** Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy, Leila Pettigrew  
**Offering Collection:** R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook  
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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.

### Pastor Shep



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