

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Holy Humour 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

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

*Hymn: *"I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance"* #250

Opening Prayer:

Loving and Gracious God, you made us in your image. We live, we love, and we laugh, because we are like you. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, had the last laugh on the devil when he rose from the dead. Your Holy Spirit is our counselor, our guide, our motivator, and our joy! Forgive us when we take ourselves too seriously. Forgive us when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children. Forgive us when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

*Children's Hymn: *"Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet"* #466
(last verse to be sung after Children's Time)

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #500

Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,

"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.

Bible Reading:

Luke 11:1-13

P. 72 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.

Illustrated Sermon: "If God Could Speak"

Special Music: *"All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir"*
Cyril Johnson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#434 v.5

For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces, human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Dedication:

Holy Spirit, we are like young children as we hear again that Jesus Christ is risen. We believe the Easter Story without question. Your power is so great and so loving. Our hearts are filled with peace; our minds are expanded with understanding. Help us to share your power so that this offering is multiplied and brings relief to those needed to know you, the great I AM. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *"Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord"* #476

Blessing

Response: #726

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.



Upcoming Events at First

Mon. April 11 – Cards Afternoon	-1:00pm
Wed. April 13 –Board of Managers Meeting - Choir Practice	-6:30pm -7:00pm
Thurs. April 14 – Bible Study	-10:00am
Sat. April 16 – Tartan Week Concert for ALS	-2:00pm
Sun. April 17 –Worship	-11:00am

Rev. Susan will be away for a Clerks' Consultation (event for Presbytery clerks) Apr. 11-14th. If a pastoral emergency should arise, please contact your elder.

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.

Tartan Week Concert for ALS - Thunder Bay Police Pipe Band and First Presbyterian Church in support of ALS Canada are pleased to present **THUNDER BAY POLICE PIPE BAND and FRIENDS** in an **AFTERNOON VARIETY SHOW of CELTIC MUSIC AND DANCE on Saturday, 16 April 2016 at First Presbyterian Church 2:00pm-4:30pm** (doors open at 1:30). Tickets are \$10.00 and are available through the church office Tuesday to Friday 1pm-4pm.

During intermission at the Tartan Week Concert for ALS, our church will be providing refreshments (tea, coffee, baked goodies) for a Free Will Offering. Any money that our church receives for refreshments stays with us to support the various ministries of our church. You are welcomed to support our church by donating baked goodies. Please ensure your goodies arrive to the church no later than Friday evening April 15th.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Muriel Macdonald and Leila Pettigrew

Elevator Operator: Al Irwin

Offering Counting: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace

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

Visiting/Phoning: Beth Workman

Next week's volunteers: Apr. 17th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Janet Racey

Fellowship Time: Ruth George and Cheong Lo Lee

Elevator Operator: Russ Brown

Offering Counting: Val Calder and Isobel Telford

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

Visiting/Phoning: Beth Workman

Summer will soon be here and that means Pres-B-Camp! The Presbytery of Superior Summer Camp program will be offering two week-long overnight camps: Junior Camp (July 17-23rd) for children entering grades 3-8 this fall and Senior Camp (August 14-20th) for youth entering grades 9-12 this fall. If you bring a first time camper with you to camp both you and they receive 50% off camp! Interested in volunteering? We have applications for that as well! Those wanting to be junior staff (counsellors-in-training, first time volunteers, junior counsellors, etc.) must at least be entering grade 10 in the fall. Camper registrations and staff applications are now available at the church. Hope to see you this summer!

Know someone who's graduating this spring/summer? We like to recognize our graduates from educational institutions (elementary or secondary school, college or university, or other programs of study). Please email us at: first@tbaytel.net or call the office at: 623-0717 to let us know of anyone who is graduating!

Congratulations to Pat and Russ Brown, who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on April 12th!