

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 17, 2016

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

*Hymn: *"Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you"* #467

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves.
We open our hearts to you, confessing all that weighs us down.
The reality of our lack of faith, vision and courage to be your
people in every sense cannot be hidden. We have made poor
choices in the past, choices that cannot be undone. Forgive us.
Set us free from guilt that does not help us move forward;
encourage us to rise each day to new possibilities to make a
difference and have your love shine through us into our world.
Empower us to work toward making your kingdom a fulfilled
Reality in our place and our time. Grant us grace and humility to
think, speak, and act more like your son Jesus every day. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

*Children's Hymn: *"Saviour, teach me day by day"* #698

(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, ready, my God, thy will to see:
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Bible Readings:

1 Kings 17:17-24

P. 324 O.T.

Psalms 30

P. 505 O.T.

John 9:1-7; 26-34

P. 102-103 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: "Forgive and Forget"

*Hymn: *"Softly and tenderly"* #640

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:

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: *"God forgave my sin/Freely, freely"* #774

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

Wed. April 20 – Board of Managers Meeting -6:30pm
 – Choir Practice -7:00pm

Thurs. April 21 – Bible Study -10:00am

Fri. April 22 – Crafts and Conversation -1:00pm

Sun. April 24 – Mission Awareness Sunday -11:00am
 – Future of 1st Pres. Meeting -12:15pm

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Tartan Week Concert for ALS!

You are invited to join the first gathering of the **Future of 1st Pres. Committee** being held after worship on Sunday April 24th. This time of creativity and brainstorming will help us to collect ideas and ponder new directions in which God may be calling our church. All are welcome!

Pastor Shep



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Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Janet Racey
Fellowship Time: Ruth George and Cheong Lo Lee
Elevator Operator: Richard Noy
Offering Counting: Val Calder and Isobel Telford
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook
Visiting/Phoning: Beth Workman

Next week's volunteers: Apr. 24th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Patricia Creed
Fellowship Time: Sandy Allan and Betty Ann Burn
Elevator Operator: Doug Brown
Offering Counting: Alice Morrison, Laird Morrison, Linda Rydholm
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook
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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!



Reminder:

Please bring in food bank donations for next Sunday.