

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 24, 2016

## Mission Awareness 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

"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

\*Hymn: "Come sing, O church, in joy" #757

Opening Prayer:

Glorious God, your faithfulness is everlasting and your glory stretches through the heavens. You have created and shaped us in love. You have begun a good work in us and we are grateful. Merciful God, we admit that we get discouraged. We underestimate your light within us.

Forgive us when we turn away from the needs of others. Help us to reach out in faith, and to be generous. Empower us to be your beacon of light in a troubled world, through Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: "Come Follow Me"

\*Children's Hymn: "In loving partnership" #759

(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:

Exodus 3:1-12

P. 50 O.T.

Psalm 96

P. 550-551 O.T.

Philippians 1:3-11

P. 196 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: "Learning and Reaching out Together in Love"

by Rev. Lara Scholey

\*Hymn: "Lord of light, whose name and splendour" #769

## 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:

Generous God, we offer the gifts of our lives, our time, our talents, and our money. Receive them to carry out the work of your kingdom, near and far. May your light shine through these gifts and through our service, in Christ, Amen.

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

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* Hymn: "Go ye, go ye into the world" #755

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 25 – Cards Afternoon -1:00pm  
 Wed. April 27 – Choir Practice -7:00pm  
 Thurs. April 28 – Bible Study -10:00am  
 Sun. May 1 – Worship (Pres-b-camp presentation) -11:00am

**TODAY** - You are invited to join the first gathering of the Future of 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Committee being held in the John Currie Room after worship. All are welcome to this time of creativity and brainstorming!

More Than Mission will meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 1:00 in the John Currie room. Our guest speaker is dietician Carol Townson who will give a presentation on preparing healthy meals for 1-2 people and geared towards seniors. All women are welcome to join us.

**Yard/Bake/Plant Sale on Sat, May 28, 9 am to 1 pm** - Please contribute and participate! Household and garage items needed (not old TV's or computers, thanks). Last year, the baking and plants were very popular and sold quickly. We will also run the small cafe again with coffee, tea, scones and hot dogs. In 2015 the Sale was friendly and successful, and we are hopeful for another rewarding time! Contacts are Janet Racey 939-1620 and Linda Rydholm 577-9260.

Pres-b-camp camper registration forms and volunteer/staff forms are still available at the church office. Please talk to Rev. Susan for more information!



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



## Thank you this week to:

**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  
**Visiting/Phoning:** Beth Workman

## Next week's volunteers: May 1st

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving  
**Lay Reader:** Evelyn Konrad  
**Fellowship Time:** Donna and Fred Johnson  
**Elevator Operator:** Cameron Noy  
**Offering Counting:** Doug Brown, Joleen Brown, Deborah Broll  
**Offering Collection:** R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook  
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## Notes from Session:

- Church Revenues and Presbyterians Sharing posters have been placed on the wall near the kitchen, so that people can see how we are fulfilling the 2016 Budget
- Sound System improvements installed by Don and Dave Murray and funded by the Memorial Fund are much appreciated
- Fees for weddings and funerals have been standardized for members and non-members per federal law
- Preparations were determined for the Tartan Week/ALS Variety Show
- on May 1, there will be a presentation regarding Pres-B-Camp
- on May 22, "Teen Challenge" will lead the service
- a letter was received from "PSALT", Presbyterians Standing for Apostolic Love and Truth"  
 Website: [www.psalt.info](http://www.psalt.info) explains concerns regarding possible changes in doctrine nationally
- a letter was received from PCC, thanking 1st Pres for donations to Presbyterians Sharing in 2015 (we fulfilled our commitment)
- the Sunday School reported that their trees (branches) in the hall will have cocoons (cotton balls), then butterflies!
- Scouts will have a Yard Sale on June 18, so they will be cooperating again with the church sale (May 28) by storing and selling our leftovers..... they provided us with their leftovers in 2015
- Prayers were offered on behalf of ill members and adherents