

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 8, 2016 Christian Family Sunday/Communion

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison.

"Be Still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10)
Please take the time before the services 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: *Can a little child like me* #441

Opening Prayer:

God of glory and majesty, in Christ Jesus you came to be among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows. As he suffered and died for our sake, you also raised him and took him up in the glory of heaven that he might fulfill all things, giving hope to your people. Your Son sent your church into the world in the power of your Spirit. We confess that we are reluctant to follow your ways, or to share your good news and love with one another as you commanded. We have difficulty forgiving those who have wronged us, as we prefer to hold a grudge rather than find unity and peace among ourselves. Lord, grant us your forgiveness, and free us from our selfish ways and vain desires, that we might go into world being the body of Christ, sharing your good news in word and deed; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

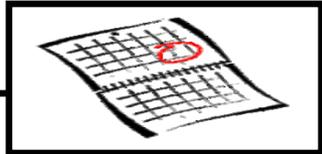
Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: *Here I Am To Worship*

*Children's Hymn *Praise our Maker, peoples of one family* #700

Sing twice, once before and once after children's time

Children's Time



Upcoming Events at First

Mon. May 9 – Cards	- 1:00pm
Wed. May 11 - Session Meeting	- 7:00pm
Thurs. May 12 – Bible Study	- 10:00am
Thurs. May 12 - Choir Practice	- 7:00pm
Fri. May 13 - Crafts & Conversions	- 1:00pm
Sun. May 15 - Worship Service	- 11:00am

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.

Responding to the Alberta Fires: PCC Moderator, the Reverend Karen Horst, has issued a statement encouraging prayers and support for the community. Donations to support immediate relief and long-term rebuilding for people affected by the fires may be made to Presbyterian World Service & Development for "Alberta Fires". Funds will be used in consultation with presbyteries and local congregations to support Presbyterian, ecumenical and other relief efforts. Watch for more updates at presbyterian.ca

Give Online and indicate "Alberta Fires"

Call 1-800-619-7301 to donate with a credit card

Mail a cheque to PWS&D at 50 Wynford Dr. Toronto, ON M3C 1J7

Indicate the gift is for "Alberta Fires" on the cheque memo line.

Give through your local congregation through the offering plate, marking "PWS&D – Alberta Fires" on the envelope or cheque.



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson and Debbie Linkletter

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Offering Counting: Kathleen Noy, Richard Noy, Cameron Noy

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

Visiting/Phoning: Beth Workman

Next week's volunteers: May 15th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandra Allan

Fellowship Time: Joyce Nystrom and Janet Taylor

Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison

Offering Counting: Betty Ann Burn, Ruth George & Beth Workman

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!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Bible Readings:

- † 2 Samuel 24:10-14 OT - Pg. 301
- † Psalm 95 OT - Pg.550
- † Hebrews 12:3-13 NT - Pg.226-227

Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Sermon: "Children of God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response #441, v.3**

**For the laughter, for the tear, for the love that meets us here,
for the lessons of our youth--honour, gratitude, and truth -
for the great gift of your Son, for your work in us begun:
Saviour, we thank you, Spirit, we thank you,
Great God our Maker, we thank you.**

Prayer of Dedication:

**Lord Almighty, you are the supreme ruler of the Earth! You
have the omnipotent power to move majestic mountains and
to calm the stormy seas. You rescue us from wickedness as
we praise and worship you with thanksgiving. We
acknowledge the strength of your Spirit in our lives by giving
these tithes and offerings. May you enrich these gifts with
your blessing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

***Hymn: Put peace into each other's hands #560**

Affirmation of Faith:

God created the world for good and made human beings in the image of the living and creating God. God has faithfully walked with us throughout many generations, even when we have turned away. In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus Christ into the world to proclaim the good news of healing, forgiveness, and hope. Jesus came to give life, and to give it abundantly. Jesus embodied that good news in the resurrection, showing the world that love is more powerful than hatred or fear, light is stronger than darkness, and life will triumph over death. Sending the Holy Spirit to be our companion and comforter, we are now commissioned to share God's good news with each other and the world. When we have the courage to testify to how we have seen God at work for peace, renewal, healing, and love, we show the world that truly the kingdom of God is near and God is with us.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our calling and greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and at your word all things took shape and came into being: the sun and moon and stars, the sky and earth and waters; and all they contain. And your Spirit moved over creation, bringing order out of chaos, so that all creation worked together and was called by you good.

From the elements of the earth you created us as unique and distinct people in your holy image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you and to live with you and one another in covenant and community.

We turn away from you and we have tried to live apart from you and one another, but you never turn from us. Through the prophets you call us back to you and to your ways. And you sent your son, the Way, Truth, and Life who was born of a mother's flesh to reveal the full extent of your grace and love.-

Again and again you welcome us and receive us with the open and welcoming arms of a loving father.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy is your son Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, seeking the forgotten, touching those in need of healing, teaching those who sought out wisdom, and loving all, he showed your kingdom in your world. We who are many are made one in him. In breaking bread and sharing wine with your people here and in all places, we recall the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these offerings of bread and wine. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, so that with all your people we share the banquet you have promised and provided.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator and sustainer of all; glory to you forever and ever.

Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:**

There is a redeemer

#358

Blessing

Response:

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe,

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.