

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 22, 2016

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: *Love divine, all loves excelling* #371

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God: As we gather here in praise of you, fill us with the vision of your glory that we may always serve and praise you. You are slow to anger and swift to forgive. You have shown us the depth of your love, and yet we are reluctant to love others even a little. You have shown us compassion and forgiveness, and yet we walk away from one another without care. You show us the way of service, and yet we put up barriers and keep your gifts for ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us new hearts; give us courage to forgive one another, and even to forgive ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn *Seek ye first* #625

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #400, vs. 2

**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:

† 1 John 4:7-8 NT - Pg. 241
† Mark 12:28-31 NT - Pg. 49
† 1 John 4:9-10 NT - Pg. 241

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.**

Presentation by Adult & Teen Challenge Thunder Bay

*Hymn: *Come, let us sing* #706

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Response #441, vs. 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:

**God of Hope, today we give a portion of this bounty to you
as a generous expression of our gratitude. We are compelled
to share generously in ways that impact the greater mission
of the church. We exalt your Holy Name as we participate in
this sacrificial act of offering ourselves to you. Amen.**

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: *I know not why such wondrous grace* #683

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.**