

FIRSTPRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Dec 25 , 2016

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Min Yeong Sin Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

***Entry of the Bible**

Introit

Call to Worship (written by Jim Lake):

Merry Christmas! Welcome to the Party!

We come together now and sing

Happy Birthday Jesus

Glad tidings of great joy we bring

Happy Birthday Jesus

Spread the News to every land

And let the people know

His Birthday Party's just at hand

As candles burn and glow

God sent His Son, His Special Gift

To bring us Hope and Peace

To give our lives a marvelous lift

His wonders never cease

This Baby born in Bethlehem

Is God in human flesh

He came to save and not condemn

Our souls He will refresh

"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**



Upcoming Events at First

Dec 29th Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Jan 1st Communion Worship Service 11:00 am

Share the Love, Spread the Warmth

Well done! The donation box of warm clothing articles was overflowing after last week's worship service. The articles have been distributed to the John Howard Society, St. Anne's school and Faye Peterson Transition House. Thank you to everyone who contributed with this year's collection. All the organizations receiving our donations were extremely appreciative of receiving this gift.

We are in need of a Nominating Committee in preparation for our Annual General Meeting. If you are able to help take stock of the membership of our current church committees, and help recruit new members to those committees (if necessary), please contact your elder or the church office

Saw Winning is looking on someone's behalf for a piano or full sized keyboard. If you or someone you know has one that they'd be willing to part with, please call him at 577-5948.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #119 v 4

“Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.”

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 OT-Pg. 638

“The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the
shadow of death a light has dawned.

... **For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be
on his shoulders.**

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
Of the increase of his government
and peace there will be no end.
**He will reign on David's throne and
over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with
justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.**

The zeal of the Lord Almighty has
accomplished this.”

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.

Reading: The Christmas Alphabet Poem

Hymn: “Twas in the moon of wintertime” #144

Reading: Let's Think of Christmas

By Lois Anne Williams, Christmas Ideals,
Vol.21, No 6, Nov. 1964

*Hymn: “It came upon a midnight Clear”

Paper Talk: Star of David

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering and Baby Gifts

*Offertory Response #145 v.5

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I
would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what can I give him--give him my heart."

*Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, you provide hope for our future. We join together
in unison prayer, knowing that you act as a loving parent who
calms our worries and fears. You consistently give us truth
unclouded by the good that you work in our hearts. Multiply
these tithes and offerings so our hearts and our actions reflect
your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer: “Not Only Christmas Day” (adapted from: Christian
Salvage Mission, Bookmarks 2011)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: “Go, tell it on the mountain” #133

Blessing

Response: “Happy Birthday Song”

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday, dear Jesus,
Happy Birthday to you!

Postlude *Please help yourselves to a birthday
cupcake after the service*

Rev. Susan will be on vacation from Jan. 2 - Jan. 23. If you or someone you know has a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact your elder or the following ministers:

Rev. Susan (Jan. 2-11): 628-8302

Rev. Joyce Yanishewski (Jan. 12-23): 632-8348

Worship services will be lead by: Rev. Ann Camber (Jan. 8), Will Newton (Jan. 15), Lorne Clifford and Patricia Mark (Jan. 22).

Unfortunately for us, Min Yeong Sin will be moving to Toronto in January and will no longer be able to continue as our church pianist. Thank you to Min for her wonderful playing and her lovely personality! It has been a pleasure to have her as part of our church family. This does, however, leave us with the need for another church pianist/organist. The Worship Committee is searching and would welcome any suggestions of people willing and able to fill the position. Please speak to Janet Racey or Ken House if you have any leads.



His Party is the best in town
And you have been invited

**Come be with Christ who wears the Crown
And let's just get excited**

Let's sing again those songs of old
Which stir us in this season

**And gladly share the truth we hold
That Jesus Is The Reason!**

***Hymn: "Good Christians, all rejoice!"**

#141

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, so that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the wisdom of the Wise Men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May this Christmas morning bring us to this time with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Special Music: "C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S" – Cyril Johnson

*** Hymn**

"Joy to the World"

#153

Christmas Cartoon Talk

***Hymn: "Hark! the herald angels sing"**

#139