

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**Communion - Happy New Year**

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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**

**Prelude**

**\* Entry of the Bible**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\* Hymn:** "As with gladness men of old" **#172**

**Opening Prayer:**

**O Lord our God, your angels and the entire heavenly host praise you. Even the wild animals and flying birds and creeping things praise you. And it is our joy and duty to join our voices with all creation singing your praises. For your glory is above the earth and the heavens. You have raised up a saviour for us, and you are worthy of all of our adoration. However, we confess that we have not always praised you as we should or lived as your chosen ones, but have chosen to live lives that reflect our desires and not yours. We have not wrapped ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, or patience nor been thankful for the blessings of this life. Forgive our distracted and careless living and let new life be born within our spirits, our communities, and in your church. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Children's Hymn:** "What star is this" **#170**  
(last verse to be sung after Children's time)

**Children's Time**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of Preparation:** **#449**

**"Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!"**

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**Upcoming Events at First**

Tues. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - More than Mission - 1 pm

Thurs. Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - Choir Practice - 7 pm

Sun. Jan 8<sup>th</sup> -Worship Service - 11 am  
(lead by Rev Ann Camber)



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 & 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.



**Thank you this week to: Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Lyane Grace

**Fellowship Time:** New Year's Day (no coffee Hour)

**Elevator Operator:** Russ Brown

**Offering Counting:** Val Calder, Isobel Telford

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

**Visiting/Phoning:**

**Next week's volunteers: Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Bobbie Casella

**Fellowship Time:** Edna Irwin, Sharon Irwin

**Elevator Operator:**

**Offering Counting:** Maybelle Gair, Debbie Linkletter, Maureen Verdone

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

**Visiting/Phoning:**



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

**NOTICE:**  
All annual reports must be submitted to the office no later than January 22/17. Email submission for cut and paste purposes would be much appreciated. first@tbaytel.net



**Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 60:1-6	P. 690	OT
Psalms 72:1-8	P. 533	OT
Ephesians 3:1-12	P. 193	NT

**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.**

**Carols and Lessons (from "More Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas" by Ace Collins)**

**HYMN: "Come, thou long expected Jesus" #110**  
 The Story Behind the Song

**HYMN: "While Shepherds watched" # 138**  
 The Story Behind the Song

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response: #501**  
**"Live in charity and steadfast love; live in charity; God will dwell with you."**

**Prayer of Dedication:**  
**Purposeful Lord, we praise your wisdom and your insight in providing us the opportunity to give to your ministries through this local church during 2016. Through His birth and deeds, Jesus set us free from earthly limitations. Today, we joyously acknowledge that our spiritual blessings are evidence of your love for your children. May these generous gifts be applied according to your plan as we glorify your Holy Name. Amen**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn: "We three kings" #173**

**Affirmation of Faith –**

**“The Lord’s Supper is a joyful mystery whereby Jesus takes the bread and wine to represent his atoning sacrifice, deepening our union with himself and with each other, giving us of his life and strength. Here Christ is present in his world proclaiming salvation until he comes—a symbol of hope for a troubled age. Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.” (Living Faith 7.7.3; 7.7.5)**

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Holy and Merciful God, maker of all; blessed are you for all the wonders of creation. All your works, from the heights of the heavens to the depths of the sea and land, echo the music of your praise. You gave us breath and speech, melody and harmony to join all living things to sing your praise:

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

God of heaven and earth, God with us on the streets where we live, God with us in the tiny babe, Jesus, wrapped in the cloth of childhood, you came to be with us to show us that peace on earth begins for us with your embrace. As Jesus grew in this world of conflicts, you taught us that we must live for justice and guard the last and the least in our lives. As we gather around this table laid for us in Jesus’ name, we give you thanks for all the tables we have shared this year and years past. Thank you for all the goodness we taste in the gifts of the earth. We remember all those of your children who do not have enough to share this day and pledge ourselves to do what we can to bless their lives in the coming year:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

God of mystery and manger, come again to feed us at this table, so that we may taste your presence in our lives. Let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine. As we taste the bread and sip the wine may we know that Jesus Christ, your love made flesh, shares our flesh. Open our eyes to see him in each other and open our hearts to live for him with each other.

**Amen.**

**Sharing the Meal**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (debts...debtors)**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\* Hymn: "Songs of thankfulness and praise" #176**

**Blessing**

**Response: #624**

**"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!"**

**Postlude**