

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Jan. 8, 2017

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

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

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Ann Camber

Organist: Carol Wehreshedt **Music Director:** Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

LEADER: Our lives have purpose.

PEOPLE: We are called to be like Christ and serve God.

LEADER: God chooses us and loves us

PEOPLE: God calls us by name and we belong to God.

LEADER: God will bring to completion the good work of grace started in us,

PEOPLE: And we will find joy, peace, and restoration in God's loving plan.

ALL: Let us worship God, who claims us and loves us!

*Hymn: "When morning gilds the skies"

#438

Opening Prayer:

Creator of the sun and moon and stars, Former of the earth and skies, God of power and might, in your glory you chose to become human and dwell among us.

Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, your eternal son came as God of God, Light of Light, begotten, not made. We give you thanks and adoration for the gift you have given us and the blessings we have in you through him. To you we give all praise and glory and honour, through Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always.

Amen.

"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

Jan 9 th - Cards Afternoon	1:00 pm
Jan 11 th - Joint Session Meeting	7:00 pm
(followed by regular session meeting)	
Jan 12 th - Bible Study	10:00 am
Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Jan 13 th - Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Jan 15 th - Sunday Worship	11:00 am
(Will Newton)	

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 led 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 8th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Bobbie Casella

Fellowship Time: Sharon & Edna Irwin

Elevator Operator: Richard Noy

Offering Counting: Doug Brown, Joleen Brown, Deborah Broll

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



Next week's volunteers: Jan 15th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Terry & Bobbie Cassella

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Offering Counting: Kathleen Noy, Richard Noy, Cameron Noy

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

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

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life. We confess that we prefer our old lives; we let nostalgia prevent us from trusting the new things you place in our lives, we cling to destructive habits, we nurture grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome or forgive on another. In your loving kindness have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might live together with grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel. God calls us to life in Christ not just once but over and over again. Before the world was made, we were chosen in Christ to be part of God's family. And right now, today, God is calling you to new life in Christ. Turn and follow him! Claim life and live fully!

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn** "There is a Redeemer" #358
(Sing last verse after Children's Time)

**Children's Time
New Beginnings**

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 Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9	P. 670-671	OT
Psalms 29	P. 504	OT
Acts 10:34-43	P. 129-130	NT
Matthew 3:13-17	P. 3	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.

Sermon: Born of Water, Born of Spirit

***Hymn:** "Sing them over again to me" #498

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

Loving God, accept these our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to bring peace to places of unrest, love to places of hate, joy to places of fear, and hope to places of loss. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Minute for Mission—Joan And erson—Where the need is Greatest

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Holy and caring God, you desire that we commune with you in prayer by bringing our doubts and fears, our joys and our concerns, our petitions and our praise as we join you in praying for the earth and all its creatures.

Where people are tired from work or weary with responsibility; where time and resources feel inadequate and tasks seem too many to accomplish:

One: Your kingdom come.
ALL: Your will be done.

Where people are in danger, sorrow, or under duress; where people are persecuted for who they are or how they live:

One: Your kingdom come.
ALL: Your will be done.

Where people have suffered the loss of love; where people are lonely and where love comes with a heartrending consequence:

One: Your kingdom come.
ALL: Your will be done.

Where people are ill, where there are people in search of healing; where illness has struck and anxiety has set in:

One: Your kingdom come.
ALL: Your will be done.

Where people seek a reliable friend, or healer, a true comforter, or adviser; where people seek comfort and friendship:

One: Your kingdom come.
ALL: Your will be done.

Where new life is beginning, where hope flickers; where there is laughter and joy, where there is healing and positive change, where there is good news to celebrate:

One: Your kingdom come.
ALL: Your will be done.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, as we gather our prayers into one voice and pray as Jesus taught

Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: "The kingdom of God is justice and joy" #787

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.

Postlude