

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Communion**

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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: Lloyd Jones / Cheong Lo Lee

Music Director: Kendall House

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

**\* Entry of the Bible**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\* Hymn:** "Morning has broken"

**#814**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Light of the world, in the sparkle of the snowflake, we see your gentle beauty. In the towering frosted treetops, we are reminded of your splendour. You created each hibernating animal and every chirping bird. Even in the cold of winter your creation amazes. We thank you for blessing the world with such beauty and giving us a place within it. Yet we confess that too often, we take your creation for granted. We squander your gifts and ignore our responsibility. Sin and pride take us over; selfish wants consume our thoughts. Forgive us we pray. Take away whatever holds us back from living fully in your light and loving your world. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Children's Hymn:** "Can a little child like me"  
**(last verse to be sung after Children's time)**

**Children's Time**

**"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.**

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**Upcoming Events at First**

Tues. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – More than Mission 1 pm

Wed. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Session Meeting 7 pm

Thurs. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 10am

- Choir Practice 7 pm

Fri. Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Crafts and Conversation 1 pm

Sun. Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service - 11 am



**ELDER'S RETREAT**

With Jen De Combe and Don Muir

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Friday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 7-9 Saturday Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30-3:00 (lunch provided) Registration \$10 RSVP Rev. Joyce Yanishewski  
[Minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:Minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) Deadline Mar

We are in need of a 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.

**GAMES NIGHT FEBRARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Did you get a new game for Christmas? Do you have a favorite game? Would you like to learn a new game? Do you have a friend who enjoys games? Then join others on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 7pm -9pm. Refreshments provided. See you there!

The following reports are missing for the Annual Report, please submit to the office as soon as possible.  
Karen People Refugee Sponsorship Foundation  
Crafts and Conversation  
Christian Education Committee

**Thank you this week to: Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Evelyn Konrad

**Fellowship Time:** Ruth George, Betty Ann Burn

**Elevator Operator:** Russ Brown

**Offering Counting:** Sandra Allan, Mikey Kennedy, Leila Pettigrew

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

**Visiting/Phoning:**



**Next week's volunteers: Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Richard Noy

**Fellowship Time:** Donna and Fred Johnson

**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown

**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

**NEW COUNTERS**

We are in need of some new counters for Sunday morning after the Church service. One team, plus a few other individuals, have had to resign. It usually takes about 30-40 minutes, on approx. 6 weeks. PLEASE consider helping us out. Call Sandy Allan 577-9372 so you can be included in the new schedule. Thank you!

**Gentlemen of Harmony presents Singing Valentines**

Serenade your sweetheart with a singing valentine sung by a gentleman of Harmony Quartet for only \$50

Your loved one will receive one long stem rose and 4 classic love songs. Call or email to reserve you spot Poul-Erik 684-0976 or 621-2544 pebinderup@gmail.com

Rod 632-5411 rowdy1@tbaytel.net

**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!"

**Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 58:1-5	P. 688	OT
Psalms 112	P. 563	OT
Isaiah 58:6-12	P. 688-689	OT

**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: "A Fast Acceptable to God"**

**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:**

O God, there are many things we do not understand. We do not understand the emptiness of accumulation nor our desire to acquire more. Our desire to live this year more fully and faithfully is even a mystery, but it is real. Our gifts today are symbols of our hope and inner yearnings. Receive them and transform them by the mysterious power of your love. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn: "Here, O my Lord, I see thee" v. 1,2,3 #543**

**Affirmation of Faith –**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

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.**

We proclaim your greatness and sing your praise along with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times. With joy, we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit. We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death, and beyond death you are with us.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy Lord God, by what we do here in remembrance of Christ, we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise and as we eat and drink at his command, unite us to Christ as one body in him and give us strength to serve you in the world.

**And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and forever. Amen. Amen.**

**Sharing the Meal**

**\*Hymn:** "Here, O my Lord, I see thee" v.4,5 **#543**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)****WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\* Hymn:** "Lord, whose love" **#722**

**Blessing**

**Response:** **#624**

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

**Postlude**