

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 5th, 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

First Sunday in Lent (see insert) – Lorne Clifford
Call to Worship

*** Hymn:** "Oh worship the King"

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Opening Prayer:

Creator God, we rejoice in your way. You travel ahead of us on our journeys and meet us in unexpected places. In moments, of temptation, isolation, and confusion, you are there, offering us together into the mystery of the body of Christ. We come before you bringing our lives with their burdens, cares, hopes, and ambitions. We bring our grudges. We confess that it is on these we are focused, distracted from our deeper calling and best selves. In your mercy, forgive us and free us from all burden and sin, so that we might enjoy you and each other. Transform our hearts and lives, so that we may be a changed people, strengthened and renewed, better able to follow you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*** Children's Hymn:** "To God be the glory" **#350**
(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

Mar 7 th	More than Mission	1:00 pm
Mar 8 th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Mar 9 th	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7 00 pm
Mar 10 th	Crafts & Conversations	1:00 pm
Mar 12 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am
	2 nd Sunday in Lent	



ELDER'S RETREAT

With Jen De Combe and Don Muir
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Friday Mar 24th 7-9 Saturday Mar 25th 9:30-3:00 (lunch provided) Registration \$10 RSVP Rev. Joyce Yanishewski
Minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net Deadline Mar 19TH

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.

Try Alpha!
Beginning
Thursday March 9th 2017
St. Agnes Parish Hall

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

Please contact Kim Coursolle at 628-2724
or koconnor@tbcschools.ca to register.

Thank you this week to: Mar 5th
Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones
Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson
Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison
Offering Counting: Doug & Joleen Brown and Deborah Broll
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook

Next week's volunteers: Mar 12th
Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving
Lay Reader: Evelyn Konrad
Fellowship Time: Beth and Robert Workman
Elevator Operator:
Offering Counting: Kathleen and Richard Noy
Offering Collection: R. Brown, J. Nystrom, J. Taylor. B. Seabrook



If you have anything you would like to submit to the Spring Newsletter, please email to first@tbaytel.net or drop off to the church office by March 5th.

A reminder that there are many ways to get involved in our church! If you would like to join a committee, there are many to choose from: Leading with Care, Christian Education, Mission, Fellowship, and Worship. You could also join the Board of Managers. If you're interested in any of these opportunities to serve our church, please Speak to Rev. Susan.

GARAGE SALE: First United Church – 130 Brodie St. N.
 Fri Mar 21 7 6:00 pm-8:00 pm & Sat April 1 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 Household and yard articles, toys, clothing, books
 Free admission

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #64 V.1
 "Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God."

Bible Readings:

Genesis 3:1-7	P. 2-3	OT
Psalms 131	P. 574	OT
1 Peter 5:1-7	P. 235	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: "From Pride to Humility"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:** #830

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed Father, daily you reveal the glory and splendor of your kingdom. By concentrating our gifts on buying convenience and familiarity, we diminish your offer of abundant grace. Enable us through this offering to focus on your way and not on the temptations of this world. We pray humbly in your Spirit. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn:** "insert"

Affirmation of Faith –

The Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, you spoke and at your word your Spirit moved over the waters, bringing order, light, and life out of chaos. By your hands, you formed our bodies and knit together our inward in your image and breathed breath and life into us. When we turn away from you and our love fails, your love remains constant. You lead us through the deep and chaotic waters and you call us from our scattered lives to unity and peace.

Therefore, with choirs of angels and archangels and with those of every time and place, we give you praise and glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and tender God, in time you sent Jesus of Nazareth and in him we saw your promises made flesh. Dwelling among us good news was seen and heard and our world transformed. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. In his suffering, death and resurrection, he delivered us from sin and darkness and revealed a living and redeeming hope for all people. And when he ascended into heaven, your Holy Spirit came to be our Counselor and Comforter.

And so, remembering Christ's life, love, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ was promised.

Christ was born.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. In the name of our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

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

* Hymn: "What a friend we have in Jesus"

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Blessing**Response:**

: "Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above. Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray, in fathomless billows of love".

Postlude