

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</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: Cheong Lo Lee and Muhang Dai

Music Director: Kendall House

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

**\* Entry of the Bible**

**Introit**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent (see insert) –Brenda Seabrook**  
**Call to Worship**

**\* Hymn:** "We are God's people"

**#472**

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of the past, present and future, we praise you. In the face, of all that grinds us down and erodes the human spirit, your words echo through the centuries: Seeds of hope grow. Pictures of shalom become clear. Images of possibility fuel our passion. Yet, we confess that our memory is short. We forget your power and love. In the face of grim realities, when the struggle becomes hard, when the powers that oppose us are strong, we crumble. Apathy sets in. Do not let us be defined by our failures, weaknesses, and discouragements. Do not let us be defined by all that works against us. Heal us. Renew us. Restore us. Bless our attempts at faithful living. Grant that, imperfect as we are, we may live and know that you are the Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Children's Hymn:** "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning" **#378**

**\*Sing last verse after the 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.**

**Upcoming Events at First**

Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	More than Mission	1:00 pm
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7 00 pm
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Crafts & Conversations	1:00 pm
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tartan week concert fundraiser	2:00 pm
Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship Palm Sunday	11:00 am



**BE OUR GUEST:**

Fort William Male Choir 2017 Spaghetti Sing-a-long Supper.  
April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
Slovak Legion 801 Atlantic Ave  
Tickets \$30 adults, \$15 Youth  
Phone: 622-0521 or 356-4633  
Email: tickets@fwmc.ca

**The Thunder Bay Community Choir presents "Come to the Cross",** sacred music for Good Friday. The concert will be held on Good Friday, April 14 at 7:00 pm at Trinity United Church, 30 Algoma Street S., Thunder Bay. The choir is directed by Mary McGhee, with accompaniment by Diana Hannaford-Wilcox and Marcella Smithers, Pianists. Other guests' musicians will also take part. Everyone is welcome. A freewill offering will be accepted in support of the Thunder Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Thunder Bay 'Blessings in a Backpack' program.

**Thank you this week to: Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Rod Mackay

**Fellowship Time:** Fred & Donna Johnson

**Elevator Operator:** Richard Noy

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

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



**Next week's volunteers: Apr 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Richard Noy

**Fellowship Time:** Ian, Vikki & Evelyn Kinsman

**Elevator Operator:** Colin Rackham

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

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

**Tartan Week Show** - 1st Presbyterian Church, Walsh St on Saturday, April 8 at 2-4:30 pm. Local pipe bands, various musical artists and dancers. Intermission includes tea, coffee, baking, haggis and 150th birthday cake for Canada. Fundraiser for The Operational Stress Injury Social Support Healing in the Wilderness (Lappe Fire Dept). Tickets \$15. Phone 623-0717 at the church. NOTE: the show sold out last year!

We are asking for donations of hand-held baking to be served during the intermission of the Tartan Week Fundraiser Concert on Sat. April 8th. Last year, free will donations totaled \$250.00, which helped us meet our operating budget. Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen on Fri. April 7 (morning or evening) or on Sat. morning (before noon). For more info. please contact Janet at 939-1620.

"Again, this year we will be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday with In Memoriam flowers. The deadline for donations is TODAY. "You can contact the church office or Janet Racey @ 939-1620."

**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:**

**Proverbs 6:6-11**

**P. 589 OT**

**Psalms 145:14-21**

**P. 581 OT**

**Hebrews 6:7-12**

**P. 221 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 Sloth to Stewardship"**

**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:**

**Living God, we thank you for the privilege of giving in your exalted name. We value our ability to give in a way that honors your spirit. As we present our offerings, we remain secure in our knowledge that you will sustain us by your redeeming grace and your infinite love. May your righteous spirit always dwell in our hearts. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn: "To show by touch and word"**

**#763**

## Affirmation of Faith

**As Christians, we strive to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11)**

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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The Lord be with you.

**And the Lord be with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks

**and praise to the Lord God.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Spirit, Son, and Father, you unfolded time and space and created us to love and be loved, to live on this earth, and tend to it for your glory. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Author, Word, and Breath, you chose your covenant people and you revealed yourself as holy, incomparable, and elusive—as liberator, judge, and compassionate forgiving love. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Grace-full God, whose saving power enlarges us and our capacity for love, setting us free to live in your wonder, hear us as we join our voices with angels and archangels, the saints around your throne, an all creation 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 the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Lover, Beloved, and Energy of Love, you became human in Jesus, whose love goes beyond our limits, reaching out to good and bad alike and calling us to practice peace, mercy, and kindness, to forgive as we have been forgiven; and to love even our enemies. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Holy One, Holy Three—Giver, Given, and Gifting, as we share this bread and cup, we remember how Jesus died for us, bore our sins in his body on the tree, defeated the powers of this age, and lives among us here and now, breaking our dividing walls and giving us good news. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

Holy Spirit, power and presence of Holy Three, Holy One, make this bread and cup our communion with the body and blood of Christ. With grateful hearts,

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

## Sharing the Meal

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

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* **Hymn:** “Christ, you call us all to service”

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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**