

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, May 7<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: Muhang Dai

Music Director: Kendall House

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

**\* Entry of the Bible**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\* Hymn:** "Jesus, where'er thy people meet" **#431**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Generous and loving God, Your steadfast love endures throughout the ages. Generation after generation, you offer renewal and rest to all who are lost or who carry heavy burdens. However far we have strayed, you find us and guide us beside still waters. You restore our souls. You lead us in paths of righteousness and remain with us even in the darkest of valleys. You are our hope, life, and happiness. We confess that while we were created to love, too often we have withheld forgiveness, kindness, and friendship. While we have been called to be compassionate, too often we are cold and full of judgment. While we have been called to follow, too often we are distracted by our own desires and plans. Forgive us for the ways we fall short and renew a right spirit within us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Children's Hymn:** "Jesus, friend of all the children" **#656**  
\*Sing last verse 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**

May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cards Afternoon	1:00 pm
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7 00 pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Crafts & Conversations	1:00 pm
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	11:00 am
	Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day	



**Election of Elders** - The ballots are to be placed on the offering plate, brought to the church office or handed to an elder by the end of the service today. May God guide our choices!

**Yard/Bake/Plant Sale on Sat. May 27<sup>th</sup> 9 am -1 pm**

Please contribute and participate! Household and garage items needed (not old TV's or computers, thanks)  
Last year, the baking and plants were very popular and sold quickly. We will also run the small café again with coffee, tea, scones and hotdogs. In 2016 the sale was friendly and successful and we are hopeful for another rewarding time!  
Contacts are Janet Racey 939-1620 and Linda Rydholm 577-9260

Youth group tonight 7:00 pm at First Church

**Knox United Church** presents a Spring Yard Sale and BBQ party Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.  
(Proceeds to Outreach Partner)

**Thank you, this week, to: May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Colin Rackham

**Fellowship Time:** Muriel Macdonald & Liela Pettigrew

**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown

**Offering Counting:** Kathleen and Richard Noy

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



**Next week's volunteers: May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Sandra Allan

**Fellowship Time:** Leo and Carol Wehrstedt

**Elevator Operator:** Richard Noy

**Offering Counting:** Betty Ann Burn; Ruth George; Beth Workman

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

<b>Presbyterian Sharing, 1st Quarter Report</b>	
Allocation, Jan - March	\$ 3,270.50
Offerings, Jan-March designated	
Pres Sharing	\$ 1,893.00
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Short fall:	\$ 1,377.50
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The 1st quarter allocation has been sent in, taking the balance of the shortfall from general operating funds.	

<b>Mission Offerings Jan-March</b>	
Designated for PWS&D	150.00
Designated for other Mission projects	774.00
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	\$ 924.00
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**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of Preparation:** #400 V.2  
**"Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!"**

**Bible Readings:**

John 10:1-10	P. 103	NT
Psalms 23	P. 501	OT
Acts 2:42-47	P. 120	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: "Jesus the Gate"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response:**

#461 v.4

**"Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise, thou my inheritance through all my days; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!"**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Heavenly Father, we seek to be the sheep of your holy pasture. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to examine carefully the deepest recesses of our own hearts. Guide our ways, so that we may share abundantly your love and your compassion with those seeking your pasture. We pray in the name of the Risen One. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn:** "Jesus calls us here to meet him"

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**Affirmation of Faith****The Apostle's Creed:**

**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:**

The Lord be with you;  
**And also with you.**

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.**

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Through the words of your prophets you gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new.

**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.**

We thank you for sending your only Son, Jesus, to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.

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

We come to this, his table, in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit: on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another—one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

Be with us now through your Holy Spirit as we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen.

**We offer our praise and thanks.**

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

\* **Hymn:** "All the way my Saviour leads me" **#699**

**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**