

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.  
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison.

**"Be Still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10)**  
**Please take the time before the services as an opportunity to quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship.**

Welcome & Announcements  
Rev. Ann Camber

**Pianist:** Min Yeong Sin **Music Director:** Kendall House

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

\*Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship the Lord our God, whose love quenches our thirst.

**P: We are parched and thirsty for God's healing word.**

L: Let us praise God who is with us always.

**P: We seek the one who will not desert us.**

L: Let us open out hearts to god who calls us by name.

**P: We come, seeking reconciled relationship with God. Amen.**

\*Hymn: *God of grace and God of glory* #490

Opening Prayer:

Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strenght and love you have for us. Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with spirits for your words of compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Choir Anthem: *Here I Am To Worship*

\*Children's Hymn *As the deer* #27

\*Sing once before and once after children's time\*

Children's Time: "Sound of Silence"



## Upcoming Events at First

Fri Jun 24 - Crafts & Conversation 1:00pm

Sun Jun 26 - Food Bank Donations

**A reminder that for the months of July and August, the time for our Sunday worship changes to 10:00am**



## Thank you this week to:

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Patricia Creed

**Fellowship Time:** Carol and Leo Wehrsted

**Elevator Operator:** Colin Rackham

**Offering Counting:** Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace

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

**Visiting/Phoning:**

## Next week's volunteers: Jun 26th

**Greeters:** Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Evelyn Konrad

**Fellowship Time:** Lynae and Myrna Grace

**Elevator Operator:** Laird Morrison

**Offering Counting:** Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

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

**Visiting/Phoning:**

**We are still looking for a volunteer to cut grass at the church for August 22 to September 4, 2016. If you are able and willing to help, please call Jeannine Verdenik at 629-7014.**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*Hymn: *For the healing of the nations* #736

### Blessing

### Response:

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen. Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
amen, we praise your name, O God.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Asithi. Amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

Asithi. Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,  
amen, si-ya-ku-du mi-sa.

## Announcements

A special Thank you to Rev. Ann Camber for leading worship for us today!

It would be wonderful if we could have more volunteers to join our Board of Managers! This lovely group of people work closely with our session and generally meet once a month to discuss the ongoing care and upkeep of the church. If you are able to help support our church in this way, please call the church office at: 623-0717 or email: [first@tbaytel.net](mailto:first@tbaytel.net).

A big "Thank you!" to Lorne Clifford, Jeannine Verdenik, and Alasdair Graham for fixing the sidewalk outside our church!

You are invited to the **World Refugee Day Picnic** being held on **Saturday June 25, 2016** from 12:00 noon - 4:00pm at the Current River Community Centre ( 450 Dewe Avenue, Thunder Bay )  
Please R.S.V.P by emailing: [doors@dotb.ca](mailto:doors@dotb.ca)  
or calling (807) 343-9313

The Board of Managers would like to thank the congregation for their financial support so far this year. We are close to our target on the budget. While we all might be taking time away this summer with family and friends, our church day to day expenses still continue. Please be mindful of this while enjoying your summer and in planning for your stewardship for the church. Don't forget that the PAR program for weekly givings can be your answer for periods of time you may be away. Talk to Sandy Allen (577-9372 ) about this. Have a happy and Safe summer.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Hymn of Preparation:

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:

† 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a	Pg 326
† Psalm 42	Pg 515
† Galatians 3:26-39	Pg 189
† Luke 8:26-39	Pg 68

### Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

### Sermon:

**Freedom in Christ - Find it, Live it.**

### Tithes and Offerings

### \*Offertory Response

#441, v.3

The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

### 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.

\*Hymn: *God, whose giving knows no ending* #663

## **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts....debtors)**

(please respond after "Lord in your mercy" with **Hear Our Prayer**)  
*God is more ready to give good gifts to us than we are to ask for them. Let us come before him and pray for ourselves and others.*

Heavenly Father: we pray for your holy church throughout the world. Fill it with all truth, and peace. We ask for your direction and wisdom as we seek to be your hands in a hurting world. Strengthen the bonds of love and unity between us. We ask you to unite your church so that your name would be exalted.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

God of justice and truth, grant our governments and all who serve in public life, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy. Help us to commit ourselves to the common good so that our land may be a secure home for everyone. We pray for the leaders of the world give them the insights needed to bring peace where there is war, justice where there is injustice, supply where there is lack. We pray for all those impacted by poverty, displacement, war and terrorism.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Heavenly Father, Uphold our families we pray. Help us to have healthy and loving relationships, where kindness and respect are reflected in our words and actions. Help parents and grandparents and our church family in caring for our children and may they learn of your love and place their trust in you. We give you special thanks for the men of the church on this Father's Day. Each of them has a part to play as father, uncle, grandfather, friend, brother and son. Bless them with wisdom, and joy as they serve you in our families and our church.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Merciful and loving God, we pray for family and friends in our community who are not connected to a church family. Protect them from harm, direct them in your way. Give us loving hearts and

actions that will draw them to you. We pray especially for those who are new to our communities, especially for those from the north, and for refugees arriving from war torn countries

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Creator God, you made all people of our earth. We pray today this week of Aboriginal Day for the indigenous peoples in our land. We confess that our nation and we have judged and mistreated these children of yours for generations. We ask for truth and reconciliation, for you to bring healing, blessing and belonging to these First people. We ask for unity and love to grow among all of us.

*Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.*

Watch over and protect all those who are travelling and enjoying holidays this summer. Give them time of refreshment and renewal so that they may return enthusiasm for their various vocations and may they bring the light of Christ to their places of work. Uphold those who are unemployed or underemployed and open up new opportunities for them.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Lord we pray for those who are close to our thoughts today because of illness, injury, grief, or loss, especially we pray today for ..... Let the light of your love shine on them, comfort and heal and bring them into strength again.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

Thank you for this church and all who worship here. We thank you for the many ministries that we serve. We pray that we all may know and use our spiritual gifts with love and effectiveness.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***