

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday February 18th, 2018

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Micah Pawluk Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

***Entry of the Bible**

Introit

First Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Hymn "Morning has Broken"

#814

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in your house, to bring you praise and thanks. We are blessed to be your children, and to do your work. Father, we confess to you our transgressions; we often are headstrong putting our desires ahead of your will. We neglect our duties to our neighbors, focusing only on our wants. We confess we freely find fault in others ignoring the fault in ourselves. Father, too often we look to inward to seek our own strength and courage, when you are there beside us. Too often we neglect to include you in our daily lives. Too often we forget your power and authority. Remind us today that you are with us every day of the week. As we approach Lent, remind us of how truly blessed we are. Forgive us, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn "Jesus Loves Me"**

#373

Sing last verse after Children's Time

***Children's Time**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#575

"Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety."

"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.

Bible Readings:

Philippians 2:1-11

Psalms 37:12-24

Romans 12:1-8

pg. 197 NT

pg. 510-511 OT

pg. 161-162 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: "What makes a Hero? - The death defying ministry"

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

#687

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:**

#830

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

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Living God, we cannot fully understand or fathom the depth of your plan for our world and its people. Even so, help us to make a difference in these things, and in the things we can understand; the needs of the sick, the poor, the oppressed, and the weak. We give these gifts from the generosity of our hearts and we give as each of us are able that together we can truly make a difference. We offer these gifts so that your work and so that your will be done. We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn: "Let There be light"**

#727

Blessing

#264

"(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, of God. (X2)

Postlude: (Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness.)

This week's volunteers: Feb 18th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandy Allan

Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson & Leslie Shaw

Elevator Operator: Leo Wehrstedt

Offering Counting: Betty Ann Burn, Ruth George & Beth Workman

Offering Collection: Sandy Allan & Leila Pettigrew

Next week's volunteers: Feb 25th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lynae/Grace

Fellowship Time: Gerry & Janet Racey

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom & Brenda Seabrook

Offering Collection: Sandy Allan & Leila Pettigrew

Thank you

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Upcoming Events at First

Feb 22 nd	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Feb 23 rd	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Feb 25 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am
	AGM meeting after service	



The Annual Report for 2017 is available for pickup. The Treasurer has asked that we print a limited number of copies to keep our costs down. You can help us by remembering to bring your copy back with you to the meeting, next week.

The Treasurer would like to extend thanks to our offering counting teams. Your dedication and use of your time and talents each Sunday, is appreciated! In dealing with discrepancies with the bank, it's nice to be able to say "our counters are reliable, are you sure it isn't a banking error!". Signed Beth Stewart, Treasurer

Please save your cancelled stamps and place them in the basket in the narthex. They are used for leprosy mission work.

More Than Mission Bake Sale TODAY!

The proceeds will go toward helping us achieve our goal of raising \$500 to give to Life water Canada. The speakers at our meeting on Feb.6 were so interesting and assured us that a contribution of \$500 would provide an entire village with safe water for one year.

The Presbytery of Superior is hosting an Elder's Workshop called "**The Role of Elders in Congregational Change: The Challenges and Opportunities**" lead by The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods on Friday March 16, 7:00- 9:00 pm and Saturday March 17, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay. The cost of \$15.00 per person includes lunch on Saturday and refreshments throughout. Please RSVP with Rev. Susan by March 7th. Any elders (active or inactive) or anyone interested in eldership are invited to attend.

World Day of Prayer is being held at First Presbyterian Church this year on Friday March 2nd at 2 pm. Donations of baking, help setting up baking before service, Friday morning and supporting us on March 2nd would really be appreciated. Baking can be dropped off Thursday March 1st from 7:00-8:30 pm or Friday by 9:30 am.