

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**Second Sunday in Lent (see insert)**

**Hymn "Come, let us to the Lord our God" #194**

**Opening Prayer:**

Loving and holy God, you speak the words of life. In you we find our hearts' desire; by your grace we are saved. When the way forward is unclear, you shed light. When we are troubled, you give peace. When times are difficult, you stir courage and hope. Our deepest longing is to know and be known by you. Although following you brings joy, we confess the way is hard and there are times when we tire of it. There are times when we choose anger over forgiveness, when we do harm to those we love, and ignore the needs of society around us. Forgive our wavering commitment to you. In dark times, stir the embers of our waning faith and kindle a brighter flame. Strengthen our determination and give us energy to follow where you lead. We pray through Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Choir Anthem**

**\*Children's Hymn "I have decided to follow Jesus" #570**

\*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:**

**Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**

pg. 13 OT

**Psalms 22:23-31**

pg. 501 OT

**Mark 8:31-38**

pg. 44 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: "Giving Up"**

**Hymn "Take up your cross"**

**#211**

## **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:**

Redeeming Lord, we find it extremely difficult to deny ourselves. Our relationships and our future aspirations often seem absent of glorifying your holy name. Instead, we deceive ourselves into equating good works with faithful discipleship. The Gospel reminds us that we are called to bridge the gap between casual commitment and true discipleship. We give this offering as a way to move toward closer discipleship with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*Hymn: "Hail, our once-rejected Jesus" #353**

**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 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Lynae Grace

**Fellowship Time:** Lunch by Scouts

**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown

**Offering Counting:** Joyce Nystrom & Brenda Seabrook

**Offering Collection:** Sandy Allan & Leila Pettigrew

**Next week's volunteers: Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Colin Rackham

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

**Elevator Operator:** Richard Noy

**Offering Counting:** Sandra Allen, Mickey Kennedy & Leila Pettigrew

**Offering Collection:** Sandy Allan & Leila Pettigrew

*Thank you*

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**Upcoming Events at First**

Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cards afternoon	1:00 pm
Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shelter House	10:30-2:30 pm
Mar.4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	11:00 am
	Communion	



"Please join us for lunch and our Annual General Meeting after the service"

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm. Donations of baking, help setting up baking before service, Friday morning and supporting us on March 2<sup>nd</sup> would really be appreciated. Baking can be dropped off Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm or Friday by 9:30 am.