

Sunday, Mar. 4th 2018

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: Micah Pawluk Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Third Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "Come, thou almighty king

#293

Opening Prayer:

Creator of all that is in the heavens and the earth, we give you thanks. We praise you for the beauty of the created world and for the hope of life with you forever that comforts us. We praise you for your faithfulness and loving kindness, for your promises and your grace, for your compassion and redemption. You have entered into covenant with us, but at times we fail to live as your faithful people. We grow tired and restless. We lose patience with others. We lack compassion. We ignore the needs of our neighbours, and even our love for those closest to us wanes. Forgive us, gracious God. In this season of Lent, lead us in the way we should go. May we live in closer communion with you and one another. We pray through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Blessing of the 15th Fort William Scouts

Choir Anthem

* Children's Hymn: "The kingdom of God is justice and joy" #787

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.

Upcoming Events at First

Mar 6 th	More than Mission	1:00 pm
Mar 8 th	Bible Study Choir Practice	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Mar 9 th	Crafts & Conversations	1:00 pm
Mar 11 th	Sunday Worship Daylight savings time spring ahead Annual General Meeting (re scheduled)	11:00 am



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.

If you have anything you would like to submit to the spring Newsletter, please email to first@tbaytel.net or drop off to the church office by March 16th

Due to the weather, our Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday March 11th after worship. Lunch will be potluck (bring something to share), with some soup provided. Please join us for this meeting--the more voices and perspectives we have, the better! We will be discussing a variety of items including the upcoming replacement of the church's roof shingles. Please remember to bring your copy of the Annual Report with you.

Thank you, this week, to: Mar 4th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Colin Rackham

Fellowship Time: Ian, Vikki & Evelyn Kinsman

Elevator Operator: Richard Noy

Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy & Leila Pettigrew

Offering Collection: Sandy Allan & Leila Pettigrew

Next week's volunteers: Mar 11th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Ruth George

Fellowship Time: Laird & Alice Morrison

Elevator Operator: Ian Kinsman

Offering Counting: Debbie Linkletter & Maureen Verdone

Offering Collection: Debbie Linklater & Maureen Verdone



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

SPRING FASHION SHOW- ONE DAY ONLY!!
 Come see, and shop, this year's Spring Fashions from Peter Nygard!
SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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 STYLIST TAMMY WIGMORE
 CASH SELL OFFS - CONTACT: WIGFAM@TBAYTEL.NET
 \$2.00 Admission COFFEE AND MUFFINS PROVIDED.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: #625 v.1
 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!"

Bible Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17	P. 7	OT
Psalms 25:1-10	P.502	OT
Mark 1:9-15	P. 34-35	NT
1 Peter 3:18-22	P. 234	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: "God's Kingdom: A Power, Not A Place"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:** #661 v.1
 "We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."

Prayer of Dedication:

God of the ages past and present, you are timeless and eternal. You offer us today the covenant relationship that you first established with Noah. May we openly receive your powerful and timeless love. Pour out your blessings on this offering, so that people throughout the generations respond to you with a resounding, "Thank you, Lord!" Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

*** Hymn:** "All who hunger, gather gladly" #534

Affirmation of Faith:

Jesus is Lord! The Word of God is made real and human in our midst. All things are possible with God. Our thanks and praise rise into the heavens. Even in the midst of this world's darkness, we believe that God's love will never be defeated, and that peace will come and be found among us. We believe that God has entered human life. Our journeying is forever accompanied by Jesus, who is the light of the world and is understood in kindness. This we believe and from this we live.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**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.

It is our calling and greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and at your word all things took shape and came into being: the sun and moon and stars, the sky and earth and waters; and all they contain. And your Spirit moved over creation, bringing order out of chaos, so that all creation worked together and was called by you good.

From the elements of the earth you created us as unique and distinct people in your holy image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you and to live with you and one another in covenant and community.

But we turn away from you and we have tried to live apart from you and one another, but you never turn from us. Through the prophets you call us back to you and to your ways. And you sent your son, the Way, Truth, and Life who was born of a mother's flesh to reveal the full extent of your grace and love. Again, and again you welcome us and receive us with the open and welcoming arms of a loving father.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 is your son Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, seeing the forgotten, touching those in need of healing, teaching those who sought out wisdom, and loving all, he showed your kingdom in your world. We who are many are made one in him. In breaking bread and sharing wine with your people here and in all places, we recall the mystery of our faith:

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

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these offerings of bread and wine. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, so that with all your people we share the banquet you have promised and provided.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator and sustainer of all; glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn: "Who's goin' to tell the story" **#761**

Blessing**Response:**

"Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. He has washed and made me white as snow. I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame. Now and forever, praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. To God be the glory now and forever. Praise his holy name!"

Postlude

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the Postlude, which is our organist's gift both to you and to God. If you must leave before the postlude concludes, please do so as quietly as possible.)