

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 11th, 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

Fourth Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Hymn "God is love; come heaven, adoring" **#314**

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you have come among us as our Redeemer. You are healing with the sick; you are forgiveness with the sinner; you are justice in solidarity with the wounded. Your presence brings us joy and stirs awe and reverence. And so we worship you with songs, prayers and praises as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we gather to praise you, we are aware of our failures as your disciples. We confess that we take your gracious acceptance for granted. We are careless with our relationships and more focused on ourselves than on you or those around us. We spend our days in darkness rather than living in your light. Forgive us. Draw us near to you. Give us a new vision of your purposes and our place within them, so we may walk and live in your light. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn** "Teach me, God, to wonder" **#704**

Sing last verse after Children's Time

***Children's Time**

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!"

"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:

Numbers 21:4-9

pg. 139 OT

Psalm 107:1-8

pg. 559 OT

John 3:14-21

pg. 94 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: "Lifted Up"

Hymn "Man of sorrows, wondrous name" **#210**

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 Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response for this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet, we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer" **#651**

Blessing

"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.)

This week's volunteers: Mar 11th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Ruth George

Fellowship Time: Laird & Alice Morrison

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Offering Counting: Debbie Linkletter & Maureen Verdone

Offering Collection: Debbie Linkletter & Maureen Verdone

Next week's volunteers: Mar. 18th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Beth Workman

Fellowship Time: Joyce Nystrom & Janet Taylor

Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison

Offering Counting: Val Calder & Isobel Telford

Offering Collection: Laird & Alice Morrison

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Upcoming Events at First

Mar 12 th	Cards Afternoon	1:00 pm
Mar 14 th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Mar 15 th	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Mar.18 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am



More Than Mission reached their goal of \$500 for Lifewater Canada through their bake sales and individual donations! Money raised for this mission project will provide safe drinking water.

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

LAKEVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 278 Camelot Street

HOSTED BY NYGARD STYLE DIRECT INDEPENDENT STYLIST TAMMY WIGMORE

CASH SELL OFFS - CONTACT:

WIGFAM@TBAYTEL.NET

\$2.00 Admission COFFEE AND MUFFINS PROVIDED.

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 today after worship. 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.

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 as soon as possible.

Before we know it, the snow will be gone and summer will be here. That means Pres-B-Camp!!! Forms are now available for Junior Camp. This year Junior Camp will be July 22-26th and is for those entering grades 3-8 this fall. There will also be a senior camp for those in or entering high school, dates to be announced soon. Pres-B-Camp is a wonderful chance for you and your friends to make new friends, have fun times, and create memories that will last a lifetime. It would be helpful for the planning of camp if you could submit your forms or indicate your interest in camp by May 15th. We hope you, your children, or your grandchildren can come out and enjoy Pres-B-Camp with us this summer!