

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 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

Fifth Sunday in Lent (see insert)

Hymn "Father, we love you"

#300

Opening Prayer:

Creating God, Loving Son, Guiding Spirit: With thundering voice and mighty love, you wake us from slumber. The paths you have prepared for us lead to new life. The victory you won for us draws us into your glory. Wonderful are your deeds and great is your name! As we ponder your sacrifice, we recognize the self-centered ways in which we lead our lives. We are called to service, and you entrust us with the task of embodying your love in this world yet, we confess that we fall short. Motivated by worldly success, we cling to our plans instead of being molded by your grace. Lost in our busyness and our worries, we neglect to show the sacrificial love that should characterize us as your people. Forgive us, loving God. Draw us to you and to a deeper life with Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn "Open our eyes, Lord"**

#445

Sing once before and 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:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

pg. 735 OT

Psalms 119:9-16

pg. 566 OT

John 12:20-33

pg. 106-107 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: "Gone to Seed"

Hymn "Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth"

#702

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:**

Glorious God, you sent Jesus to change our lives in bold and amazing ways. Yet, we often are consumed by the pettiness of our own "to do" lists. As we place this offering before you, help us to surrender completely to your love and to be stirred into fruit-bearing action that results in faithful stewardship. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Moment for Mission: Kenora Fellowship Centre

Yvonne Bearbull, Executive Director

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn: "For the healing of the nations"**

#736

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 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

Next week's volunteers: Mar. 25th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Rod Mackay & Greg Agruso

Elevator Operator: Ian Kinsman

Offering Counting: Alice/Laird Morrison & Linda Rydholm

Offering Collection: Deb Broll & Joyce Nystrom

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Upcoming Events at First

Mar 22 nd	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Mar 23 rd	Crafts and Conversation	1:00 pm
Mar.25 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am
	Palm Sunday	



A special welcome this morning to Yvonne Bearbull, the Executive Director of Kenora Fellowship Centre, as she tells us about their important ministry!

Anamiewiggummig (Kenora Fellowship Centre) Kenora, ON.

The Kenora Fellowship Centre provides sanctuary and hospitality for those marginalized and alienated by poverty and addiction. It operates as a drop-in centre and works with legal services, detoxification programs, street patrol and other essential services in the community. It offers the homeless a twenty-four hour shelter during the winter and other services as needs become apparent. It also hosts a day-time drop-in centre and soup kitchen. A weekly worship service that is held on Sunday afternoons sometimes includes a sharing circle, drumming and the sharing of traditional foods. *Presbyterians Sharing* supports Anamiewiggummig as it reaches out and serves First Nations peoples in Kenora. Visit

their website: <http://fellowshipcentre.wixsite.com/kenora>

Find them on Facebook: KenoraFellowshipCentre

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 20th.

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!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS When you make a financial contribution to the food bank, 97% is used to purchase food! The food bank spends over \$90,000 each year to keep shelves stocked. Thanks for your support!

The Seaway is scheduled to open March 29 and the Mission to Seafarers is awaiting the first ocean going ship, due early in April. If you would like to help out at the Seafarers' Centre, give Canon Ed Swayze a phone call 344-8241. We are looking for Watch Keepers, who host seafarers at the Seafarers' Centre and Drivers to drive our van. Check out Volunteer Opportunities on www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay.