

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday March 25th, 2018

Palm Sunday

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

Call of Worship

Hymn "All glory, laud and honour" **#214**

Opening Prayer:

God of all people and all places, all situations and all times, you are the light of the minds that know you, you are the strength of those who serve you, you are welcome and rest to those who go in search of you. We come this day, resting from our work and responsibilities, pausing from our play and from our dreaming, to listen to your voice, to enjoy your beauty, and to worship you as Creator, Christ, and Spirit. We confess that we prefer darkness to your light and our ways to yours. We do what is easy rather than what is right. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments. Give us the grace to receive forgiveness and extend it to others. Create in us a strong desire to live in your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn "Hosanna" **#216**

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:

Mark 11:1-11 pg. 47 NT
Psalm 118:19-29 pg. 565-566 OT
Mark 15:1-15 pg. 53 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: "Shouting Crowds"

Hymn "My song is love unknown" **#220**

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:**

Blessed Lord, we are moved to be your faithful disciples. Like the palms laid long ago in honour of your Son, we present these gifts for your reverent design. We proclaim that your sovereign existence will transform the lives of all who believe in your Son, Jesus Christ. Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "A new commandment" **#225**

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 during the postlude, if you must leave before the postlude concludes, please do so as quietly as possible.)

This 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

Next week's volunteers: Apr. 1st

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lorne Clifford

Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson & Leslie Shaw

Elevator Operator: Leo Wehrstedt

Offering Counting: Doug & Joleen Brown & Deborah Broll

Offering Collection: Laird & Alice Morrison

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Upcoming Events at First

Mar 26th Cards Afternoon 1:00 pm

Mar 29th Bible Study 10:00 am
Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Mar 30th Good Friday Service 10:00 am
(with Free Methodist Church)

Apr 1st Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Easter Sunday - Communion



Thunder Bay Community Choir is presenting a special Good Friday service 7:00 pm at Trinity United Church (30 Algoma Street S). A free will offering will be held with all proceeds going to a local charity.

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 will us this summer!

Last Sunday, when we welcomed Yvonne Bearbull, Executive Director of the Kenora Fellowship Center, people were asking how they could donate.

Yvonne says that cheques can be sent to 208 Water St. Kenora, ON, P9N 3X4. Electronic Transfers can be sent also to kenorafellowship@kmts.ca and they have PayPal as well. They will issue income tax receipts for donations. For those on Facebook, they have a very active Facebook page and can receive messages on it.

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.