

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Apr 15th, 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

Call to Worship

Hymn "Christ is alive"

#251

Opening Prayer:

God of new life, we yearn for your presence and the renewing power it holds. Into the chaos of human life, you sent your Beloved Son to bring peace. You invite us to become like Christ, bearers of peace and good news. You call us your children. Yet we confess, O God, that we often reject the new life you offer. In moments of fear and uncertainty, we doubt the truth of the resurrection. Like the disciples, we shut our doors to hide from danger and darkness. Despite our experiences of grace, we tell ourselves that the hope of Easter is too good to be true. Forgive us, Lord, and restore us to faith. Replace our doubts with wonder and our disbelief with joy. Grant us the confidence to embrace the new life you offer. Open our hearts so that we may be used as instruments of your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

*Children's Hymn "Tell me the stories of Jesus" **#348**

Sing last verse after Children's Time

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation: **#498 v.1**

"Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life, beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life."

"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:

Luke 24:13-35

pg. 90 NT

Psalm 63:1-8

pg. 527 OT

1 John 3:1-7

pg. 240 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: "Stepping Into the Story" (written by Amanda Currie)

Hymn "Come, let us sing"

#706

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#626 v 3

"Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart: your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide, your presence to cheer me, whatever betide."

*Prayer of Dedication:

Forgiving Father, we faithfully give witness to your work in this world by sharing these gifts and offerings. You shared your Son, Jesus, so that we may repent of our sins and be saved. Thank you for providing us with the example of how to place courageously your call of discipleship into action. We pray that we may live each day according to your holy ways. In the name of the Great Teacher, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: "Fill all my life, O Lord my God"

#653

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: Apr 15th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Evelyn Konrad

Fellowship Time: Janet & Gerry Racey

Elevator Operator: Richard Noy

Offering Counting: Betty Ann Burn/Ruth George & Beth Workman

Offering Collection: Ruth George & Betty Irving

Next week's volunteers: Apr. 22nd

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lloyd Jones

Fellowship Time: Cheong Lo Lee & Ruth George

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Offering Counting: Joyce Nystrom & Brenda Seabrook

Offering Collection: Fred & donna Johnson

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Upcoming Events at First

Apr 17 th	Mission Study	1:30 pm
Apr 19 th	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Apr 21 st	Funeral for Janet Renton	11:00 am
Apr 22 nd	Sunday Worship (Congregational Meeting re summer hours)	11:00 am
	Music Recital	4:00 pm



The More Than Mission is having a **BAKE SALE** on APRIL 29 after church.

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose:

Join us for our free Vacation Bible School program July 16-20 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Kids will discover that they're lovingly crafted by God and will become hands-on inventors and experience God—the ultimate Maker—in new and wildly creative ways! For ages 4-12. Speak to Rev. Susan for more information or to volunteer. Register Online:

www.myvbs.org/firstprestbay

We will be having a **brief congregational meeting** after church on April 22 to decide on whether or not to change the worship time for the months of July and Aug.

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, Aug 27-30th. 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!

Email will Newton for more information:
newton9455@hotmail.com

The Fort William Male Choir is having their Spaghetti Sing-a-long Fri. Apr. 27 and Sat. April 28 at 6pm. Tickets are \$30 each for adults and can be purchased from Cyril.

St Paul's United Church (349 Waverly St) Lunan Hall

Spring Ham Dinner & Auction

Friday Apr 20th

Dinner 6pm/Auction 7:30pm

Tickets \$25 must be purchased in advance, call Church office 345-5864