

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Apr 22nd , 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 "You Lord, are both lamb and shepherd" **#356**

Opening Prayer:

O God, our good and loving shepherd, you are nourishment. You lead us into green pastures. You are life; you restore our souls. You are true joy; our cup overflows. You are compassion and comfort; you walk with us through shadowy valleys. At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us, Creator, Redeemer, and Guiding Spirit. Yet, like scattered sheep, we tend to stray from you and your ways. Too often have we pursued our own desires rather than following you. We have failed in love and ignored the needs of others. Forgive our foolishness and pride and guide us back to the path of truth and love. Seek us out, find us, and bring us home. We pray in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

***Children's Hymn** "Spirit of the living God" **#400**

Sing once before and once 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:

John 10:11-18

pg. 103-104 NT

Psalm 23

pg. 501 OT

1 John 3:16-24

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: "The Pursuit"

Hymn "My shepherd is the King of love" **#691**

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:**

Glorious God, we know that your capacity to love is infinitely greater than our own ability. Indeed, you call us to love one another in truth and action. We yearn to be active disciples, so that our hearts truly abide with you. Use these gifts to increase our ability to be your followers. In the name of the One who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** "He leadeth me" **#650**

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 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

Next week's volunteers: Apr. 29th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Sandra Allan

Fellowship Time: Fred & Donna Johnson

Elevator Operator: Ian Kinsman

Offering Counting: Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy & Leila Pettigrew

Offering Collection: Fred & Donna Johnson

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Upcoming Events at First

Today	Musical Recital	4:00 pm
Apr 23 rd	Cards Afternoon	1:00 pm
Apr 25 th	Board of Managers	6:30 pm
Apr 26 th	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Apr 27 th	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Apr 29 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am



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

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

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

Solitary Refinement: Incredible True Stories from the Persecuted Church: May 6, 2018 at Hope Christian Reformed Church (1315 Crawford Ave.) This one-man stage show delves into the issues of Christian persecution by re-enacting the imprisonment of Richard Wurmbrand. The script of Rev. Wurmbrand's unique story, written and performed by award-winning artist Dennis Hassell, takes the audience deep into the underground church of 1930s Romania. It is there that the imprisoned pastor's time of solitary confinement leads to the discovery of his unimaginable suffering...and unmistakable joy! Running Time: 75 Minutes|For Ages 13+|Free admission|Reception to follow|Contributions gratefully accepted.

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

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.