

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.  
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison  
Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

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: "Love divine, all loves excelling"

#371

Opening Prayer:

**Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension and the scope of your compassion is without end. You have met us in the depths of human living and shown us how to be loved. You have entrusted us with the greatest commandment and shown us how to love others. Through your son Jesus Christ, you have given us the gift of being called your friends. And following his example we seek to love one another as you have loved us. Yet, we confess that we often find following your commandment burdensome. Despite our desire to do your will, we too often prioritize ourselves over others. Forgive us, when we fail to obey your commandments. And help us to always be bearers of your love in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

\* Children's Hymn: "Come, children, join to sing" #377

\*Sing last verse after Children's Time\*

Children's Time

"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.

**Upcoming Events at First**

May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Crafts & Conversations	1:00 pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Next steps workshop With Katherine Sisk	1:00-3:00 pm
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship Mother's Day Christian Family Sunday	11:00 am



In order to separate church items from personal emails, we now have two email addresses specifically to send information to our church treasurer and our Chair of Board Managers.

Treasurer: [firstprestreas@tbaytel.net](mailto:firstprestreas@tbaytel.net)

Chair of the Board of Managers: [firstpresbdchair@tbaytel.net](mailto:firstpresbdchair@tbaytel.net)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church presents **Truth and Reconciliation Events. Thursday May 10th at 7:00pm**, keynote speaker Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux will speak on "Unbundling Uncomfortable Conversations. Tickets are \$15 at the door or advance purchase call: 622-4273. **Friday May 11th at 7:00pm** KAIROS Blanket Exercise: a powerful, interactive, learning experience. Limited number of spaces. Call 622-4273 or 632-8348. **Saturday May 12th at 1:00pm-3:00pm**, First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a "Next Steps" workshop with Katharine Sisk from PCC national office. Please RSVP with Rev. Susan (623-0717).

**Thank you, this week, to: May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Lynae Grace

**Fellowship Time:** Robert & Beth Workman

**Elevator Operator:** Laird Morrison

**Offering Counting:** Debbie Linkletter & Maureen Verdone

**Offering Collection:** Evelyn Kinsman & Carol Wehrstedt

**Lawn Maintenance:** Terry Casella



**Next week's volunteers: May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

**Lay Reader:** Colin Rackham

**Fellowship Time:** Alice & Laird Morrison

**Elevator Operator:** Leo Wehrstedt

**Offering Counting:** Val Calder & Isobel Telford

**Offering Collection:** Craig Marshall & Carol Wehrstedt

**Lawn Maintenance:** Terry Casella

**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](http://www.myvbs.org/firstprestbay)

**Thank you** so much to everyone who donates to the Food Bank.



## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#449

"Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love; send us power; send us grace!"

**Bible Readings:**

John 15:9-17

P.109-110 OT

Psalms 98

P. 551-552 OT

1 John 5:1-6

P. 241 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: "You Are My Loved Ones"**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Tithes and Offerings**

\* Offertory Response:

#501

"Live in charity and steadfast love; live in charity; God will dwell with you."

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Victorious Lord, we offer these gifts to be used in celebration of your steadfast love. We give joyfully so others may join our unending common voice of praise. Let all people sing a new song of thanksgiving that is not merely noise, but is a faithful celebration of your love and grace. Thanks be to God! Amen!

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**Invitation**

\* Hymn: "I come with joy"

#530

**Affirmation of Faith:**

“The Lord’s Supper is a joyful mystery whereby Jesus takes the bread and wine to represent his atoning sacrifice, deepening our union with himself and with each other, giving us of his life and strength. Here Christ is present in his world proclaiming salvation until he comes—a symbol of hope for a troubled age. Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.” (*Living Faith* 7.7.3; 7.7.5)

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:****Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and at your word all things took shape and came into being: the sun and moon and stars, the sky and earth and waters, and all they contain. At your instruction, your Spirit swept over creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of the formless void.

From the elements of the earth you created us as unique and distinct people, but all in your holy image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you and to live with you and one another in covenant and community.

We turn away from you and we have tried to live apart from you and one another, but you never turn from us. Through the prophets you call us back to you and to your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, the Way, Truth, and Life, who was born of a mother’s flesh to reveal the full extent of your grace and love. Again, and again you welcome us and receive us with the open and welcoming arms of a loving father.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim with them your glory, in the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your son Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, seeing the forgotten, touching those in need of healing, teaching those who sought out wisdom, and loving all, he showed your kingdom in your world. In breaking bread and sharing wine with your people here and in all places, we recall the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again**

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these offerings of bread and wine. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, so that with all your people we share the banquet you have promised and provided.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator and sustainer of all; glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

**Sharing the Meal****Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (debts...debtors)****WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\* **Hymn:** “Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord” **#476**

**Blessing**

**Response:**

**#726**

**"Go now in peace, never be afraid; God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe; Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love."**

**Postlude**

**(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the Postlude)**