

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "God, who stretched

#305

Opening Prayer:

God of life and of blessing, you created all that exists. In Christ you redeem all situations and heal each soul. We join our voices with the angels and archangels, with the saints and disciples of every time and place in worshipping you as Creator, as healer, and as the source of all joy and goodness, now and forever. Eternal God, we confess that we have been indifferent to your will and silent when we should have spoken for justice. We have heard your call to faithful living, but fear holds us back. There is work to be done, but we have been idle. Forgive us, O God, and give us courage that we may be your saints in this world. We pray through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

* Praise Song: "Kum Ba Yah"

blue song book

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Exploring God Together

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!"

Upcoming Events at First



Nov 6 th	More than Mission Meeting	1:00 pm
Nov 8 th	Bible Study	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Nov 9 th	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Nov 11 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am
	Remembrance Day	

Consider joining us at the More Than Mission meeting on NOV. 6. Students from Westmount School will speak to us about the Veteran's Project in which they have participated. This involves maintenance of headstones in the Military Plots at Mountain View and Riverside Cemeteries. We welcome ladies and men to the meeting. Please be at the Church by 12:45.

Here is contact info for Meta Evans, who was a valuable part of our Church family and of the community. Meta is living in Ottawa, and her daughter, Lorna, knows that Meta would love to hear from "us"

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The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay is looking for donations for **Christmas Gift Bags** to be given to seafarers in December. Our objective is to prepare for 11 ships with 20 bags /ship or 220 bags. Donations need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by November 19, and suggested donations include mittens, gloves, writing paper, and wrapped candy. For further information visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay or call 344-8241.

Thank you, this week, to: Nov 4th**Greeters:** Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving**Lay Reader:** Evelyn Konrad**Fellowship Time:** Robert & Beth Workman**Elevator Operator:** Doug Brown**Offering Counting:** Alice & Laird Morrison & Linda Rydholm**Offering Collection:** Alice & Laird Morrison.**Next week's volunteers: Nov 11th****Greeters:** Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving**Lay Reader:****Fellowship Time:** Alice Morrison & Greg Agruso**Elevator Operator:** Richard Noy**Offering Counting:** Kathleen & Richard Noy**Offering Collection:**

Cyril Johnson has graciously offered to host a special fundraiser to contribute to the Raise the Roof Campaign. On request, Cyril will make you a custom lazy susan for use on your dining room table or as game board holder for your living room table. A 16" maple, ash or oak will cost \$70.00. A 10" will cost \$35.00. Cherry, walnut or zebra wood are also available at a greater cost. Please speak with Cyril if you have any questions.

AUDIO RECORDING

Audio recordings of our Sunday sermons are now available online!

Head to <http://bit.ly/2xfSeJ9> or follow the link via the church website (fpresbyterian.ca) or the church Facebook page (facebook.com/firstchurchtbay). The sermons are recorded with a high-quality microphone and edited to create an audio book quality finished product.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

John 11:32-44

Pg. 652 OT

Pg. 502 OT

Pg. 105 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 Home of God is Among Mortals"**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:**

O God, you call us to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We seek to focus on you as our highest priority. Help us to make lifestyle decisions based on your commandments. We, your kingdom-seekers, offer you this money as a means of placing you first in our lives. May these gifts provide ministries of love and compassion to our neighbours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**Invitation***** Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly"**

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Affirmation of Faith:

God created the world for good and made human beings in the image of the living and creating God. God has faithfully walked with us throughout many generations, even when we have turned away. In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus Christ into the world to proclaim the good news of healing, forgiveness, and hope. Jesus came to give life and to give it abundantly. Jesus embodied that good news in the resurrection, showing the world that love is more powerful than hatred or fear, light is stronger than darkness, and life will triumph over death. Sending the Holy Spirit to be our companion and comforter, we are now commissioned to share God's good news with each other and the world. When we have the courage to testify to how we have seen God at work for peace, renewal, healing, and love, we show the world that truly the kingdom of God is near and God is with us.

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 calling and 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. And your Spirit moved over creation, bringing order out of chaos, so that all creation worked together and was called by you good.

From the elements of the earth you created us as unique and distinct people 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. And 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 their 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, seeking the forgotten, touching those in need of healing, teaching those who sought out wisdom, and loving all, he showed your kingdom in your world. We, who are many, are made one in him. 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 #535

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* **Hymn:** "For all the saints" (verses 1-6) **#611**

Blessing

Response: #726

"May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call."

Postlude

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