

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH****November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020****Remembrance Sunday****WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Musical Prelude****Welcome & Announcements****Call to Worship****Instrumental Hymn: "O Canada"****#800****Laying of the Wreaths****Minute of Silence****Litany of Remembrance** (responsive):

We remember God's grace and care in time of need and crisis.

**We remember the courage and sacrifice of the women, men, and families of the armed forces.**

We remember those whose bodies, minds, and souls were scarred in battle and whose lives will forever bear the wounds of war.

**We remember refugees, children, the poor, and all those who are caught in struggles of power.**

We remember the pride and folly that often leads to war.

**We remember those who make and keep peace.**

We remember those who fell in war and who we have known and loved and who now dwell in the eternal peace of your presence.

**Almighty God: guide the nations of the world into ways of peace, justice, and truth. Establish among them a spirit of unity and cooperation, so that all people in this world might have abundant life. We pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.****Bagpipe Lament: "The Flowers of the Forest"**

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

**Upcoming Events at First**

Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 am
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Worship	11:00 am



**"Welcome to worship!** We're glad you're here with us this morning. A video devotional based on the same scriptures and sermon topic is available on our Church website and Facebook page.

**SHARE THE WARMTH**

Craft & Conversation will be collecting items of warmth until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations of socks, hats, underwear, mittens and gloves can be placed in the box in the library. They will be shared with agencies in the community.

**Opening Prayer:**

God of yesterday, today and forever, you are the God of every generation, and your love endures forever. You have protected us during difficult times, for your compassion is everlasting. You have shown us the path to truth and life in Jesus Christ our Lord. We give you thanks, O God, that you are always near. In this time of worship, we declare our love and loyalty to you, and offer you our service in prayer, in praise, and in practice, this day and every day, our one true God, whom we know and love as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

**Sheltering God, we need your protection and redemption in these complex days. Yet, so often we fail to serve you in sincerity and faithfulness. We confess that we are often short-sighted, caring more about ourselves today than about future generations. In our selfishness, we have harmed the planet and perpetuated division among nations and neighbours. We ignore the needs of those around us, especially when caring for them would require us to change our habits or our hearts. Forgive us, O God, and show us ways to transform our lives to reflect our commitment to Christ more fully. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: "In Flanders Fields" Leo Tardiff

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Bible Readings:****Isaiah 53:1-12 pg.683-684 OT****Psalm 70 pg.532 OT****2 Corinthians 5:14-21 pg. 181****Sermon: "For Our Sake"****Instrumental Hymn: "Lord, make us servants of your peace" #739****WE RESPOND TO GOD****Tithes and Offerings****\*Prayer of Dedication for Offering:**

**God of our Salvation, on Remembrance Day, we mark the costly offering of lives given for the sake of others. What we offer today is small in comparison, but with your blessing, our gifts can also make a difference for the sake of others. Bless the gifts we offer this day, so they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail, and for people in all our diversity. May our gifts touch the needs around us, in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)****WE GO OUT TO SERVE****Blessing****"Postlude:(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)**

Are you a **CRAFTY** person? Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching or sewing? Or just enjoy an afternoon of conversation with friends? The Craft and Conversation group at First Presbyterian has resumed our meetings. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month in the John Currie Room at 1 p.m. We would love to have you join us!

Some of us begin making our crafts of choice after the Christmas holiday season is over. We accumulate our items and in the Fall share with the Seafarers organization (scarves and hats), various charities and schools with items of warmth (hats/mitts/socks/sweaters etc.). Unfortunately, we are not able to have our usual tea and goodies at this time. We also ask that you wear a mask and we will practice social distancing. The room will be sanitized before and after our meeting.

Bible Study has resumed every Thursday morning at 10am in the church basement. Even if you haven't attended in the past, you are welcome to join us! Masks and social distancing etiquette are required.