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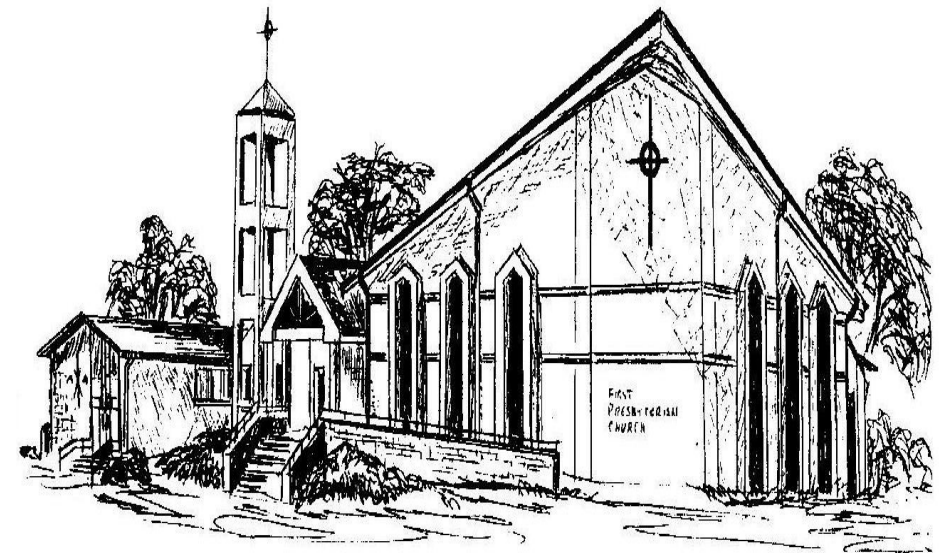
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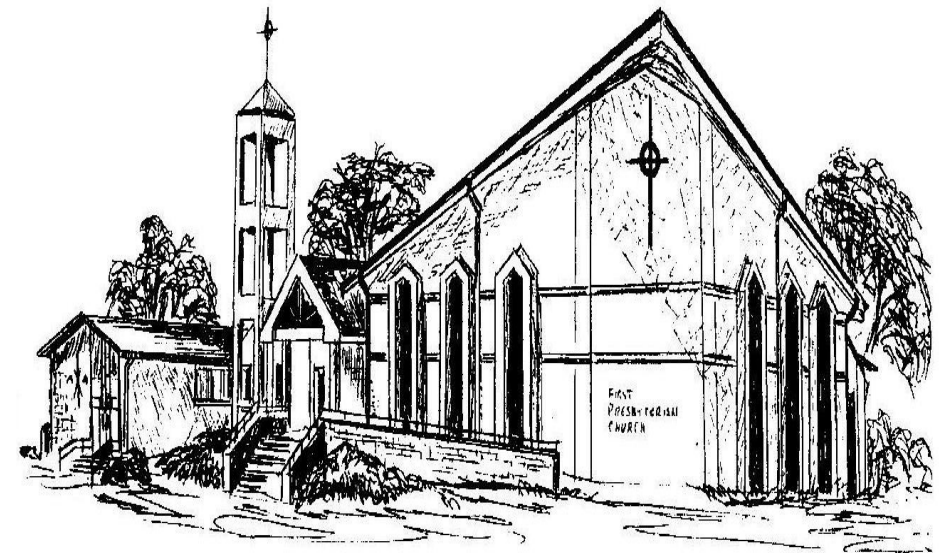
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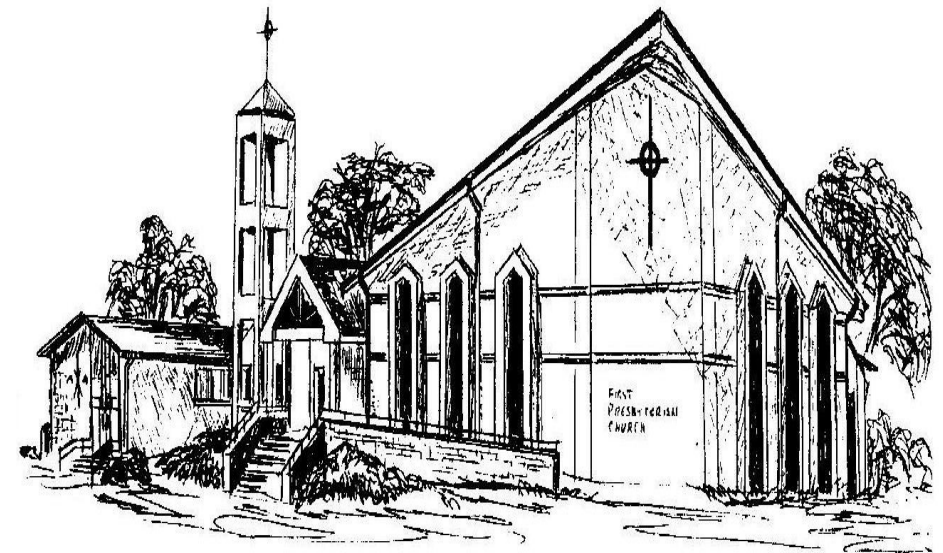
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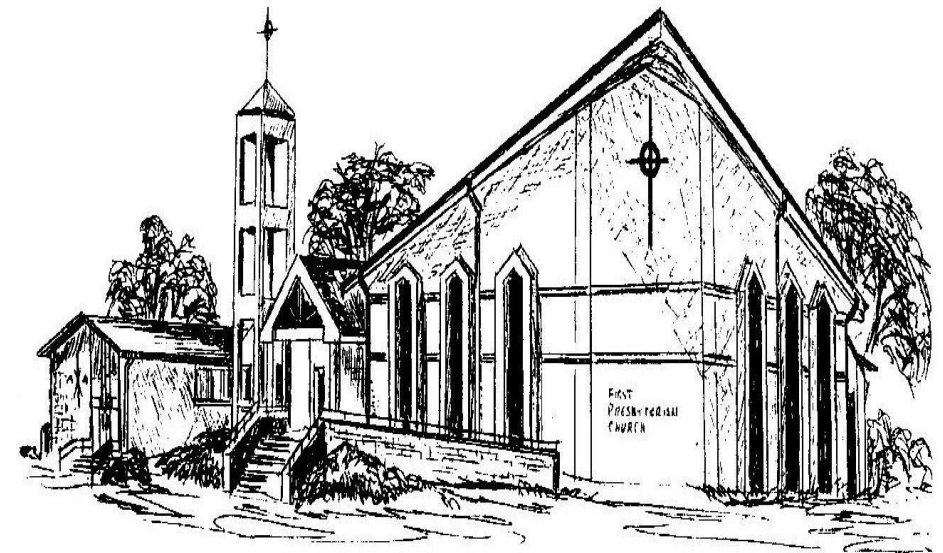
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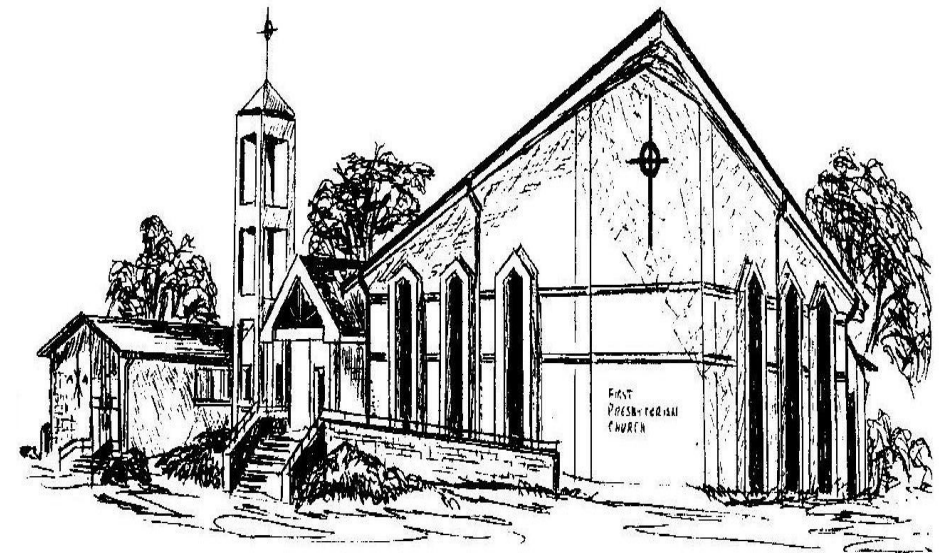
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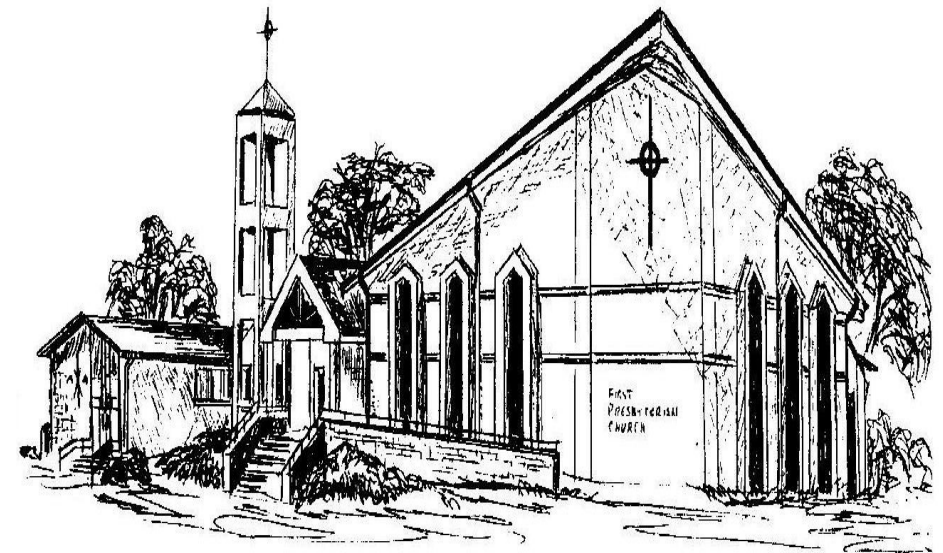
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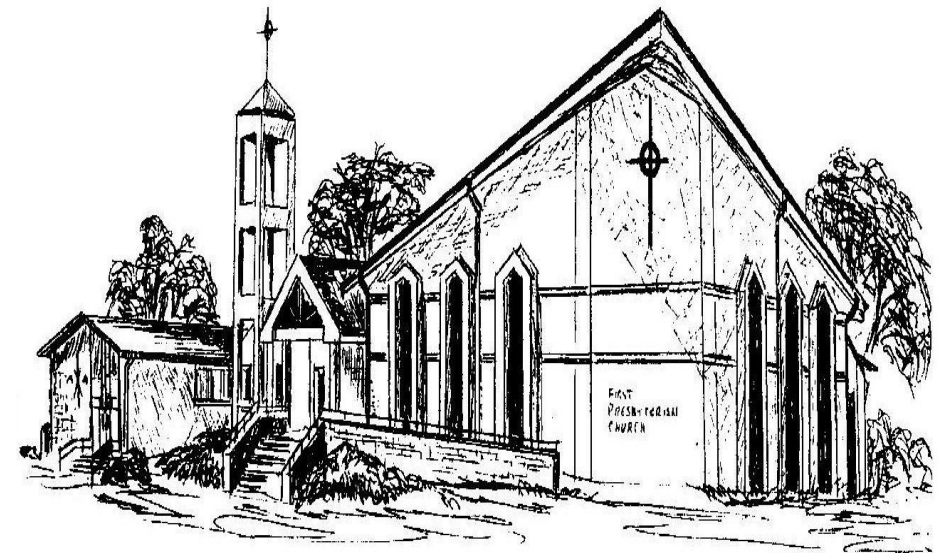
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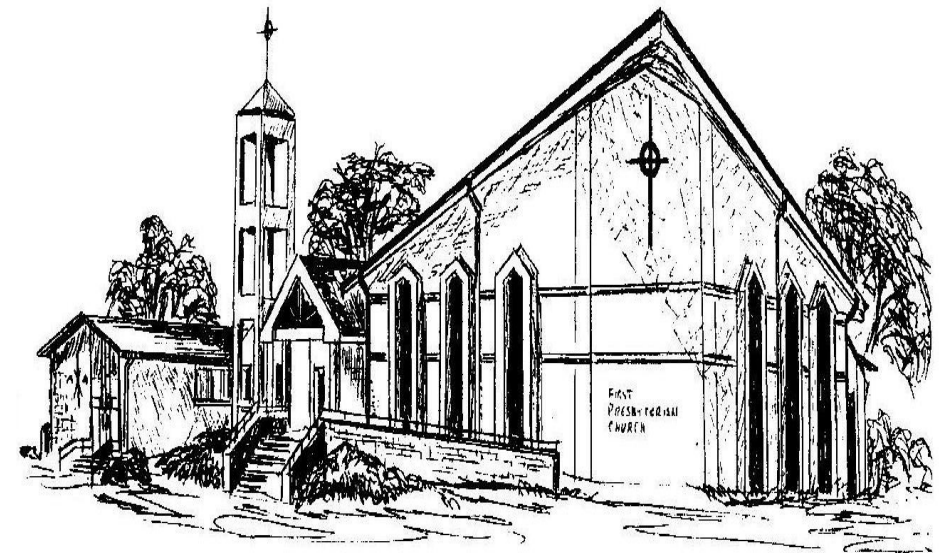
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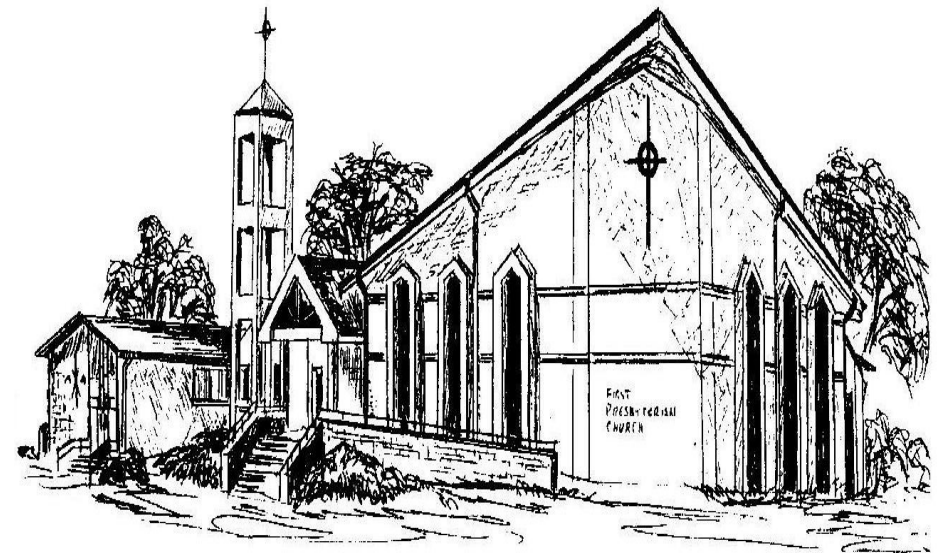
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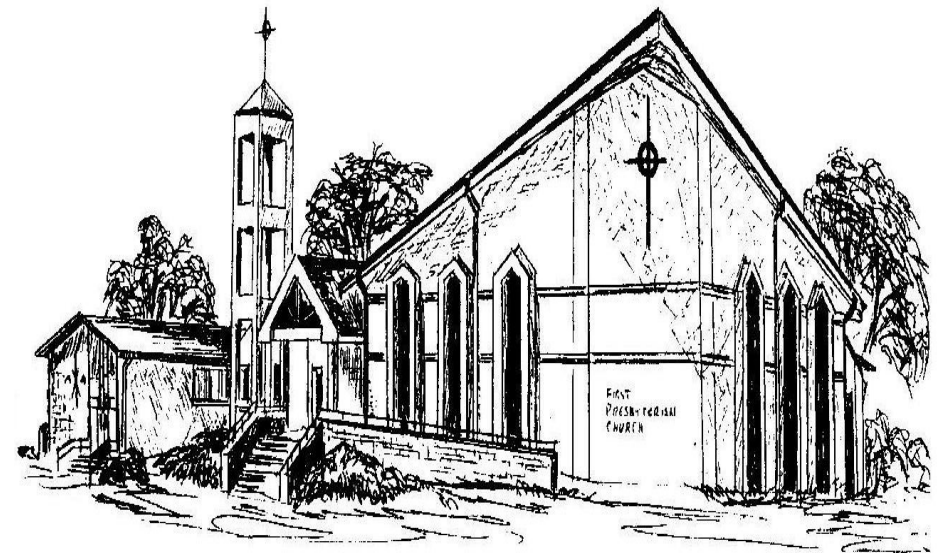
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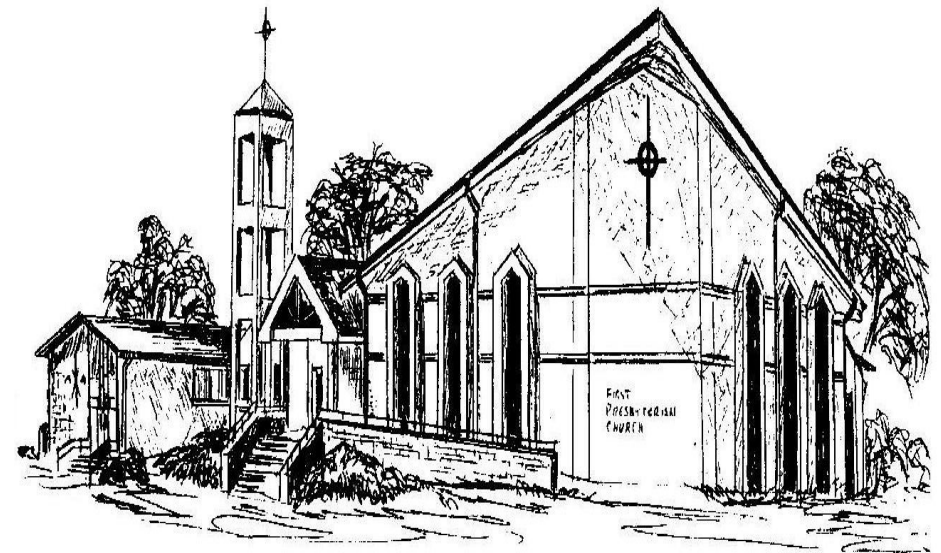
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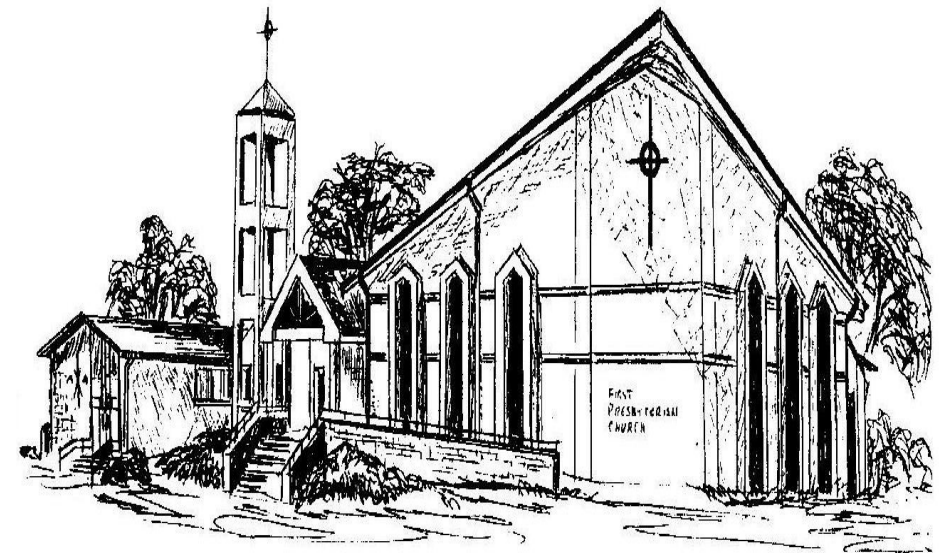
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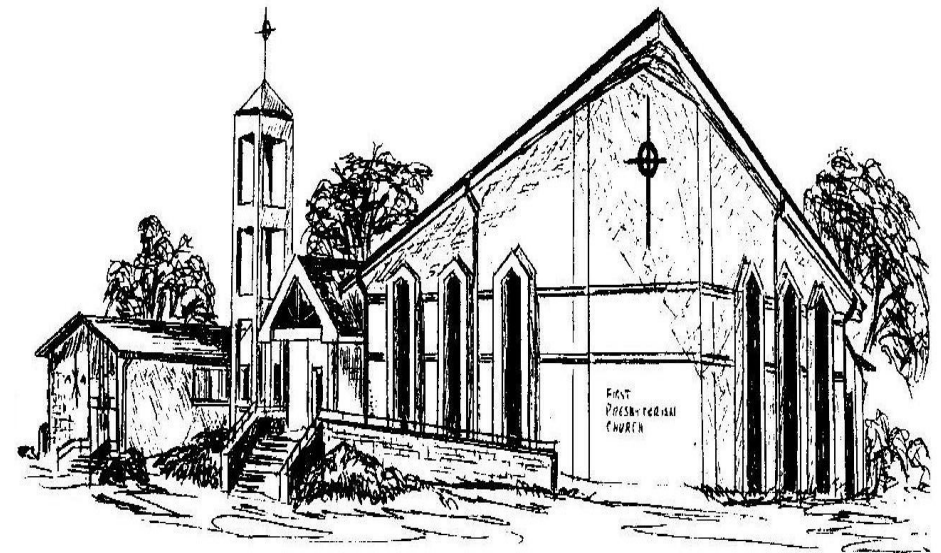
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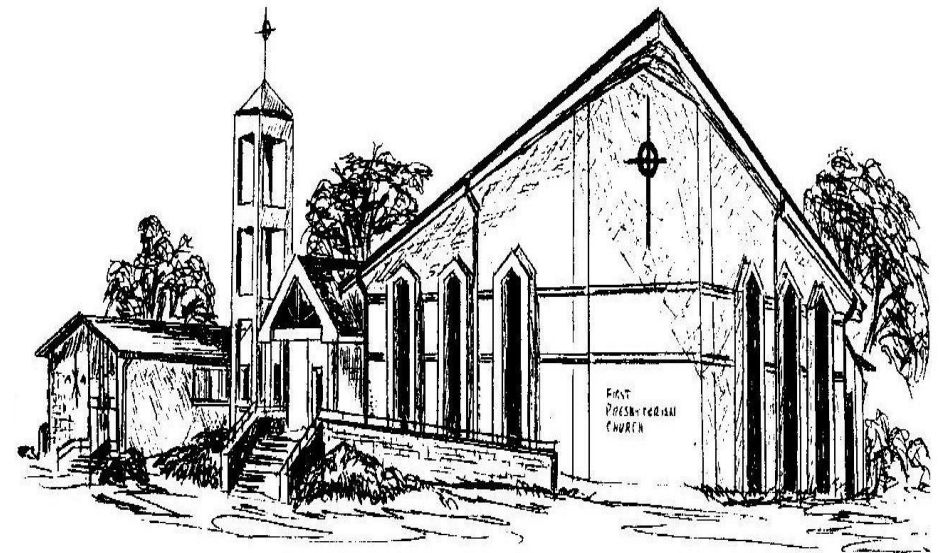
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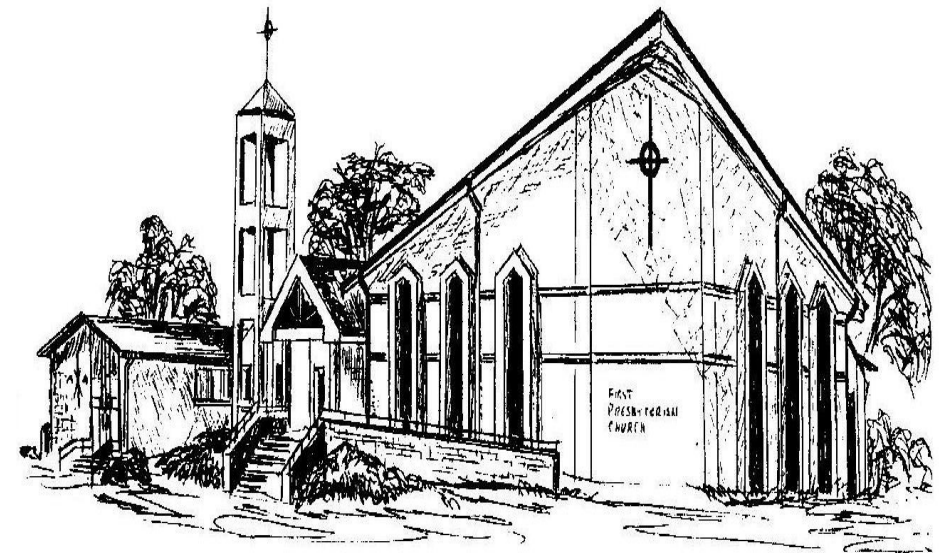
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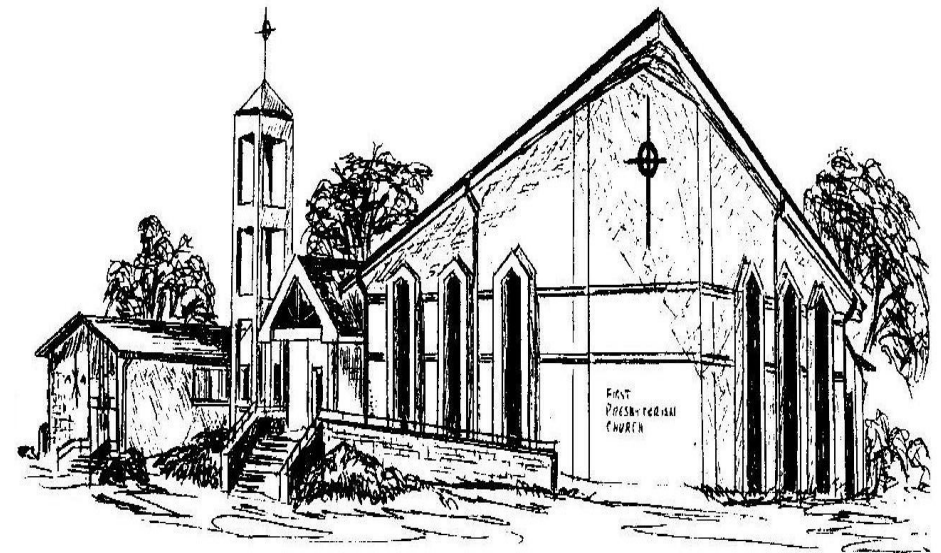
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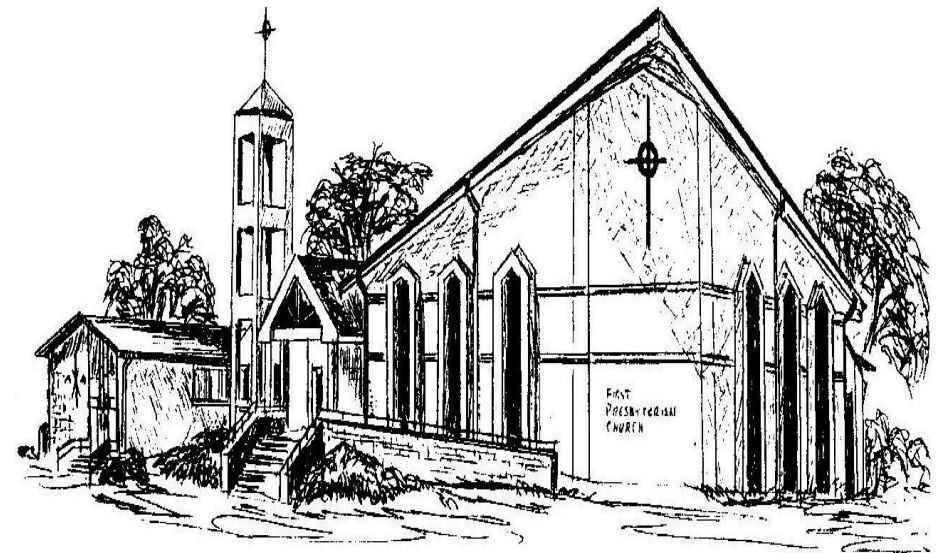
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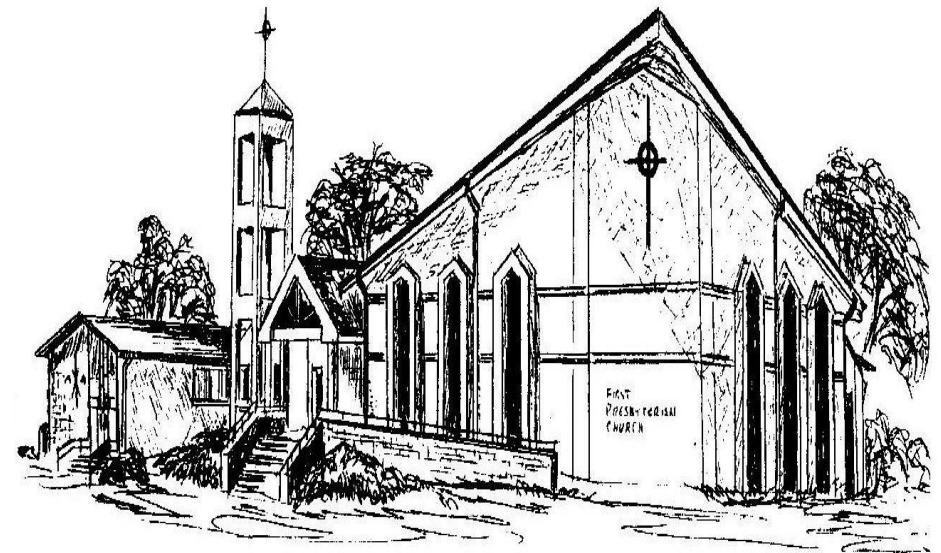
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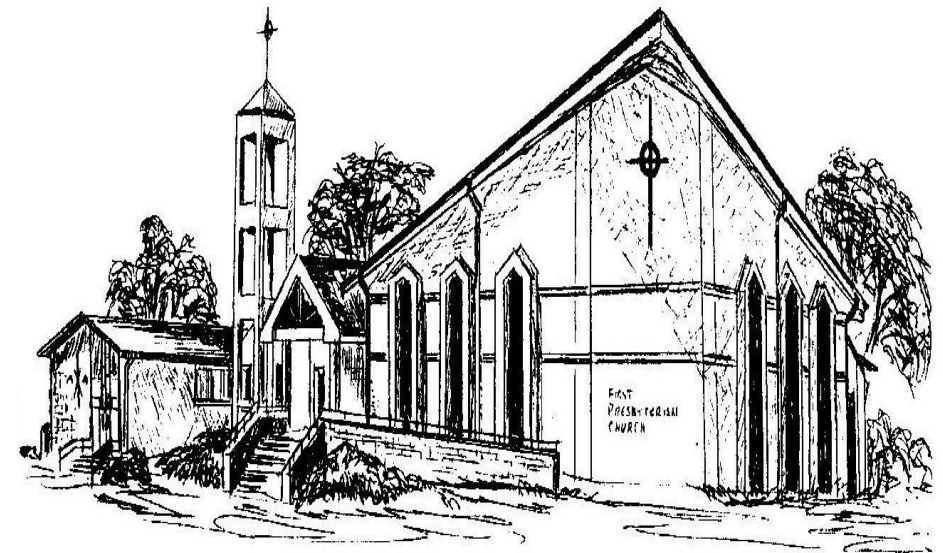
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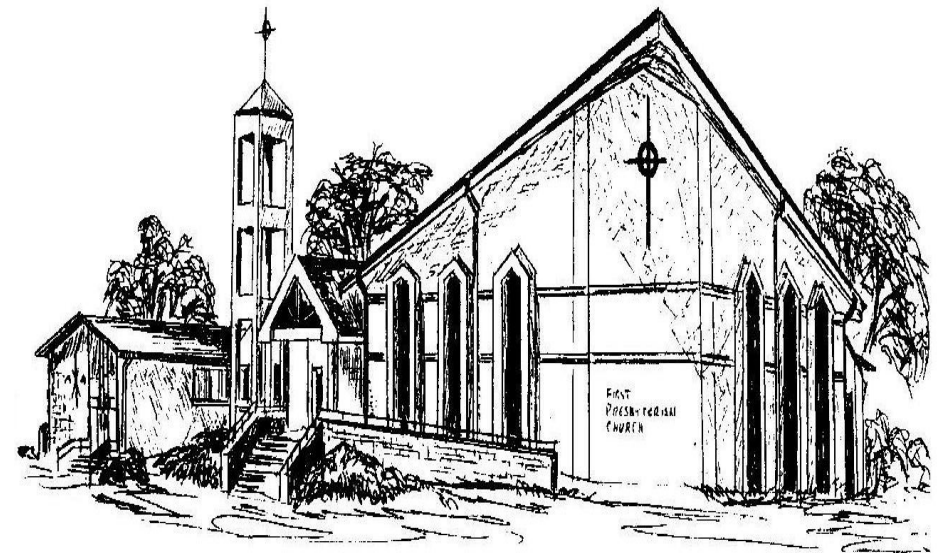
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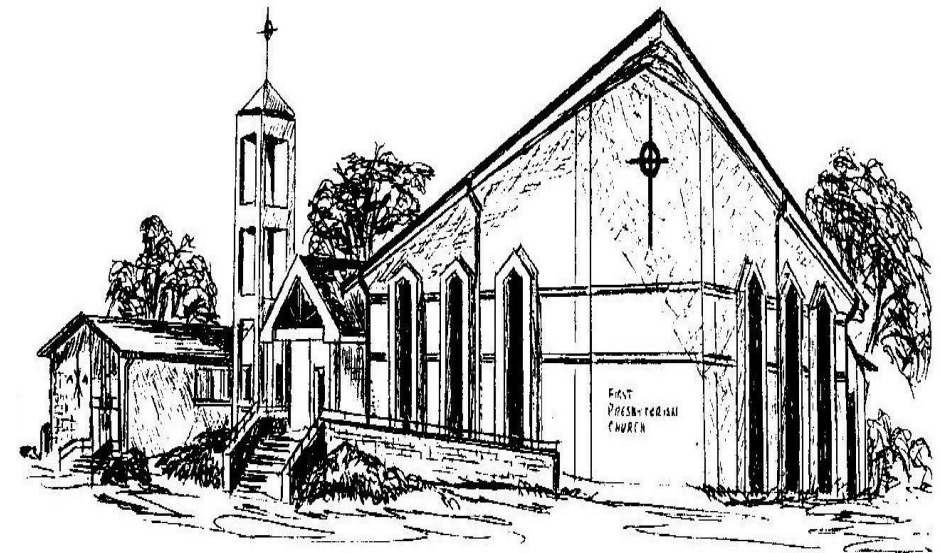
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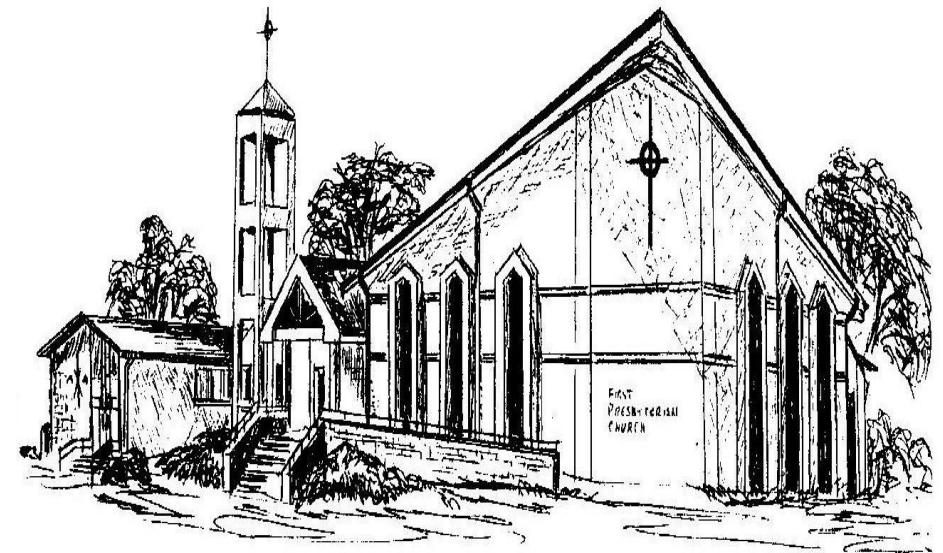
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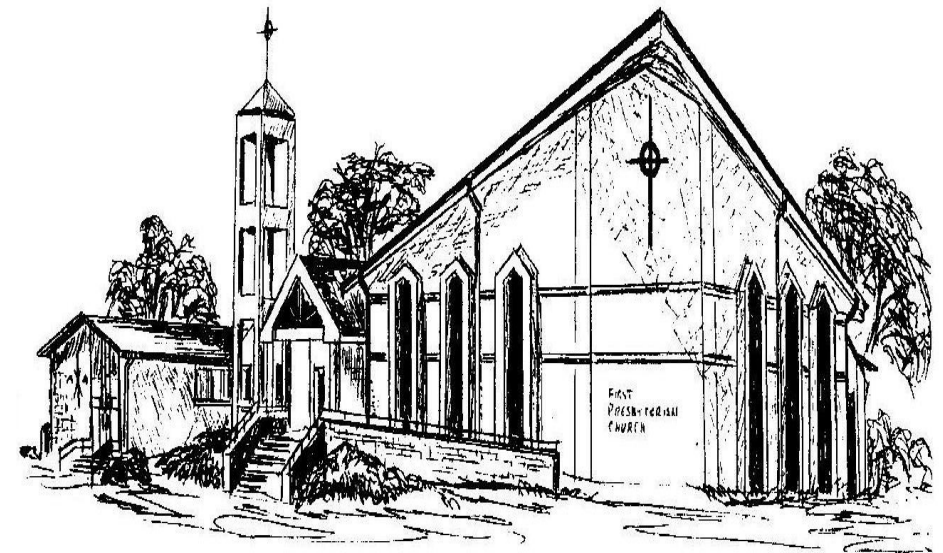
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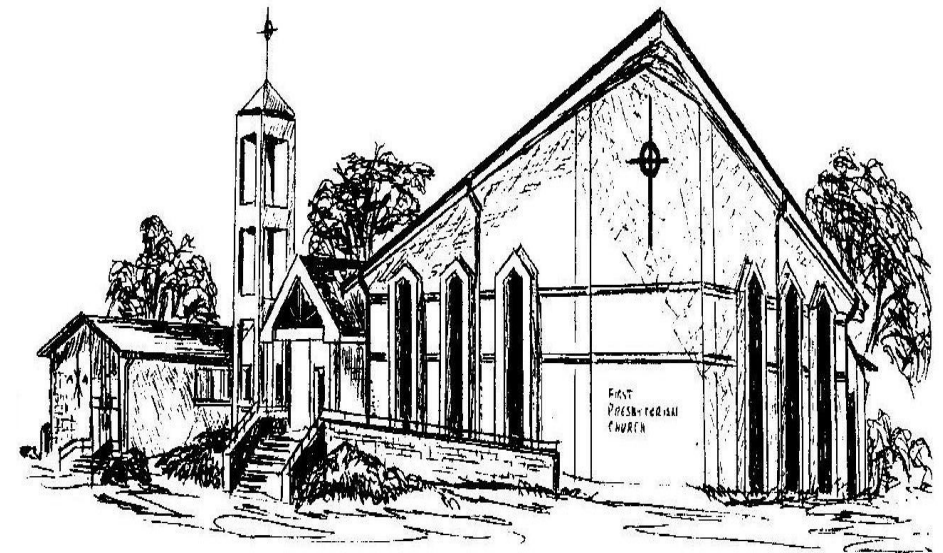
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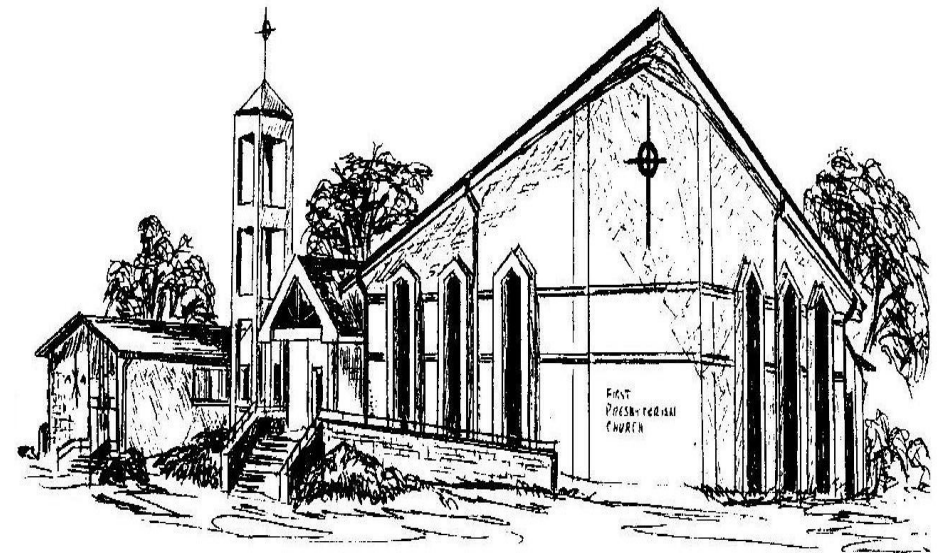
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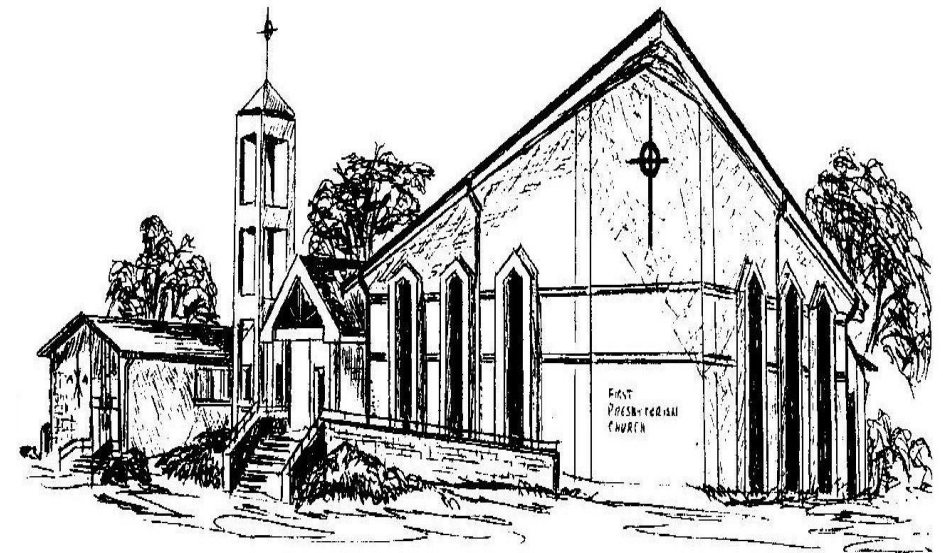
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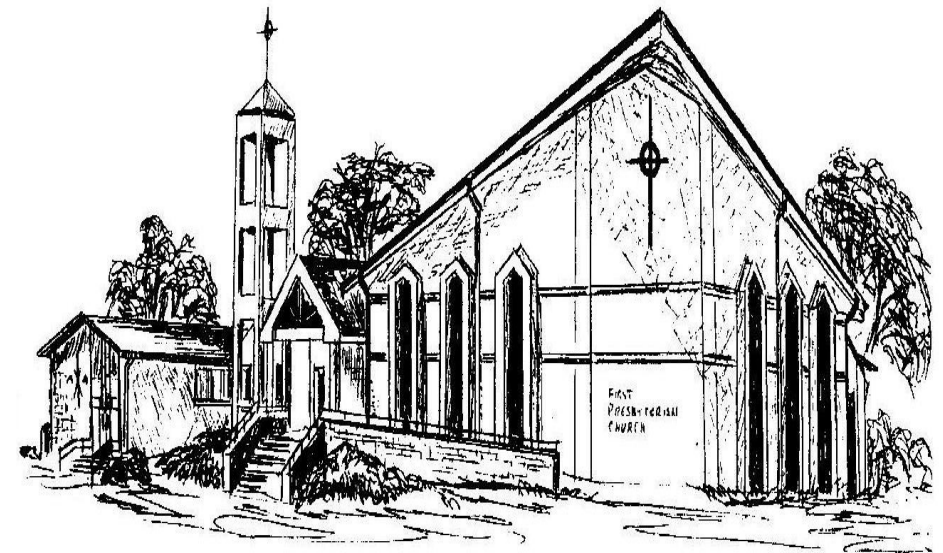
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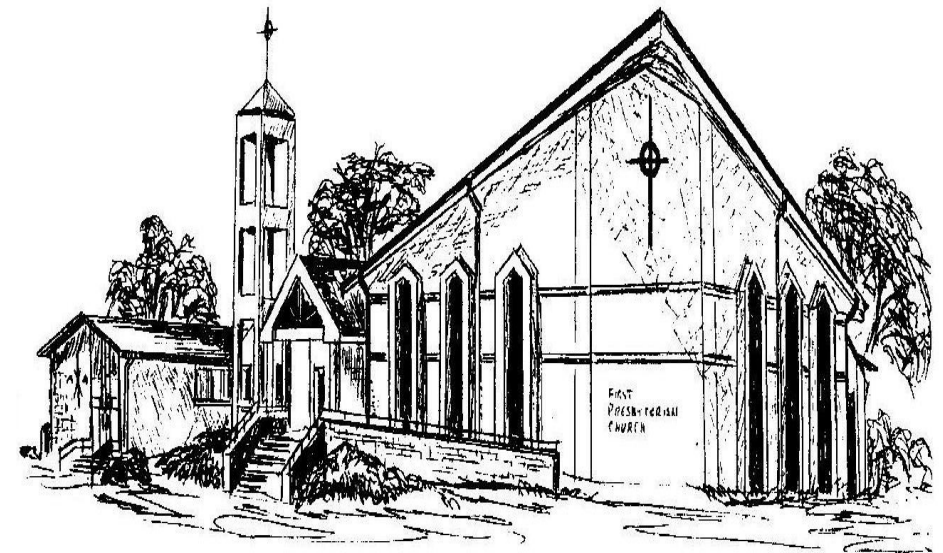
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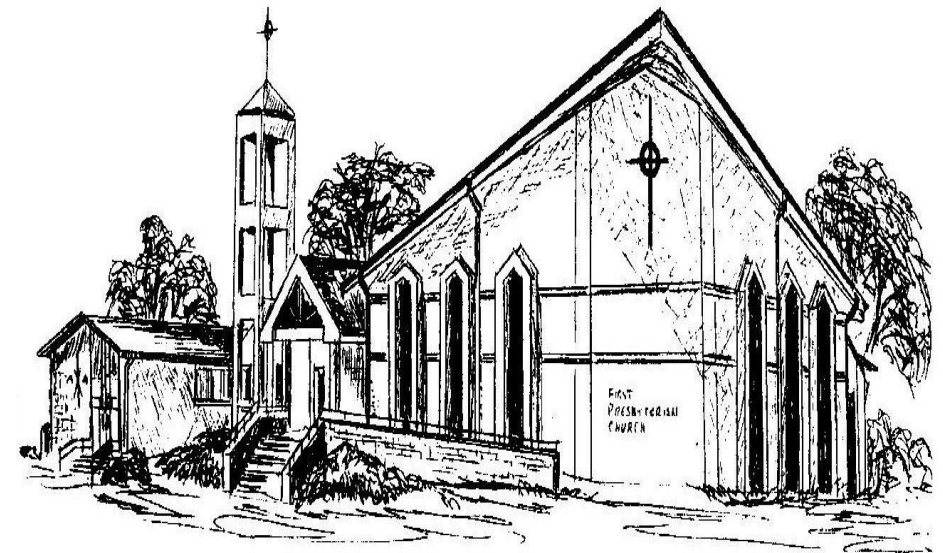
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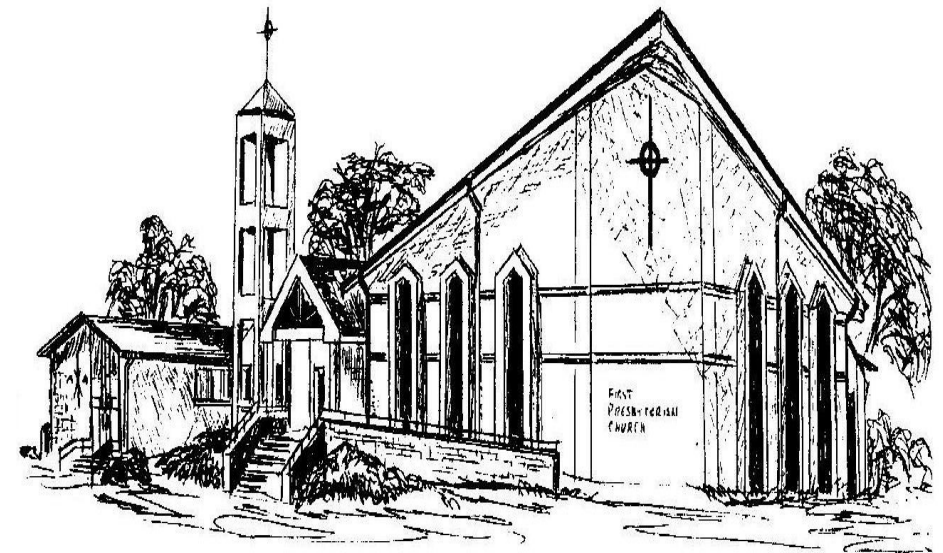
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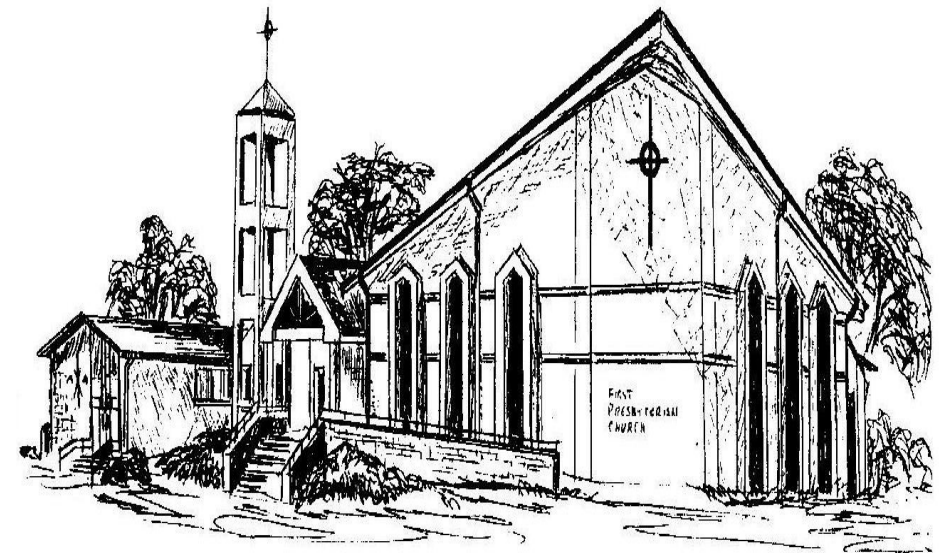
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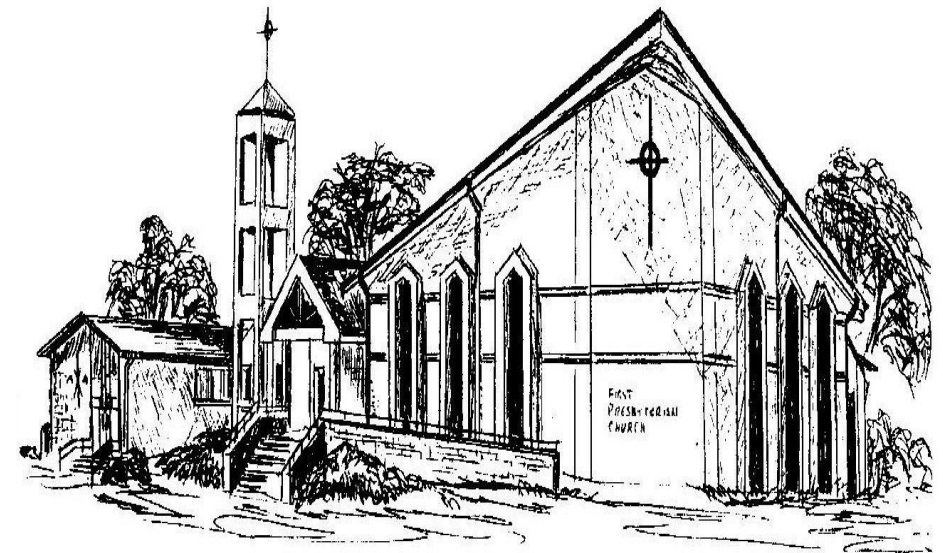
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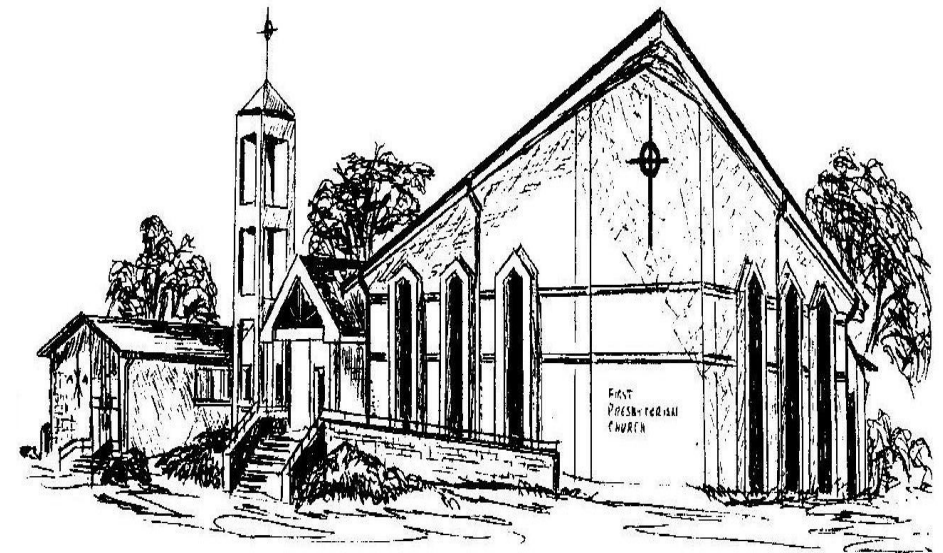
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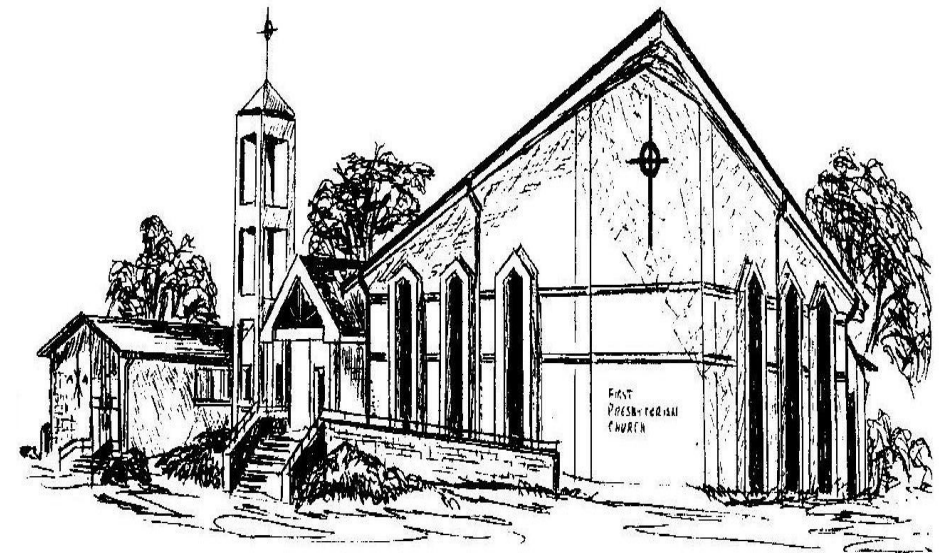
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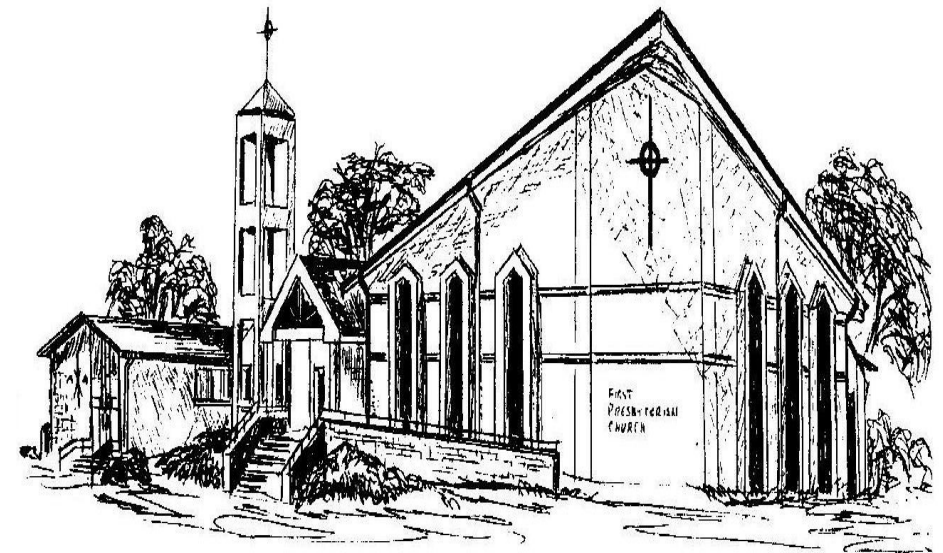
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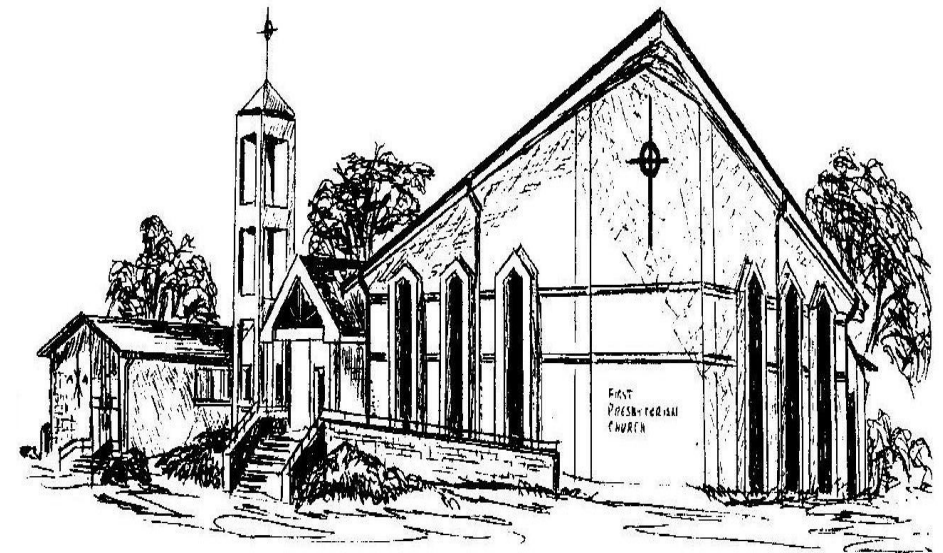
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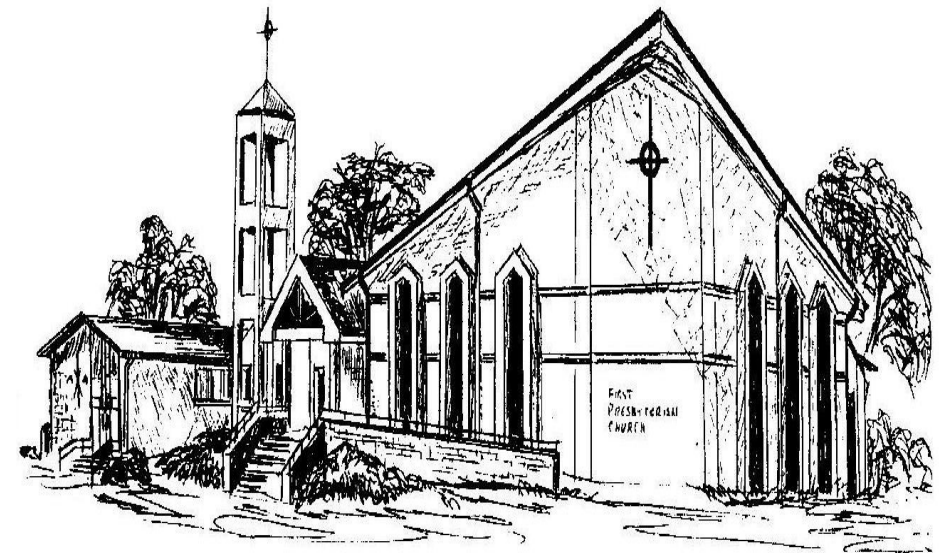
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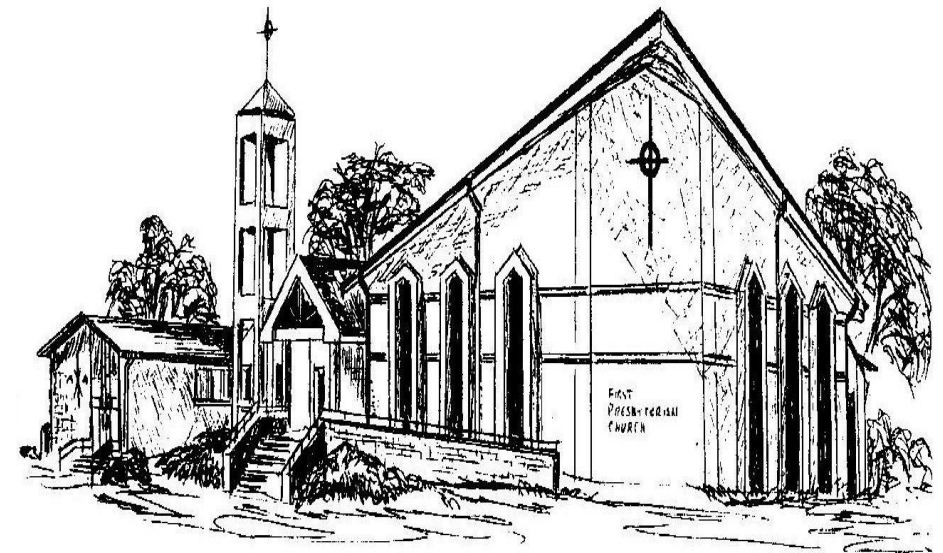
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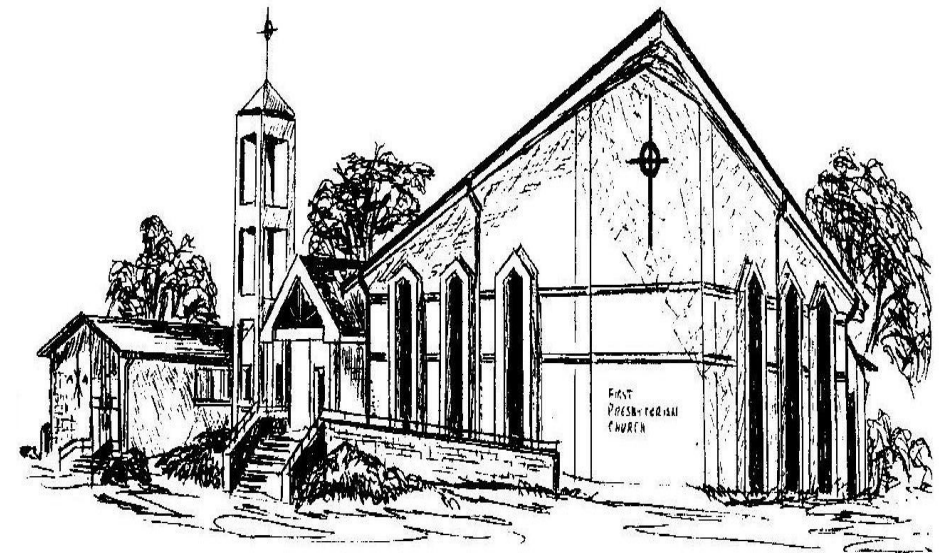
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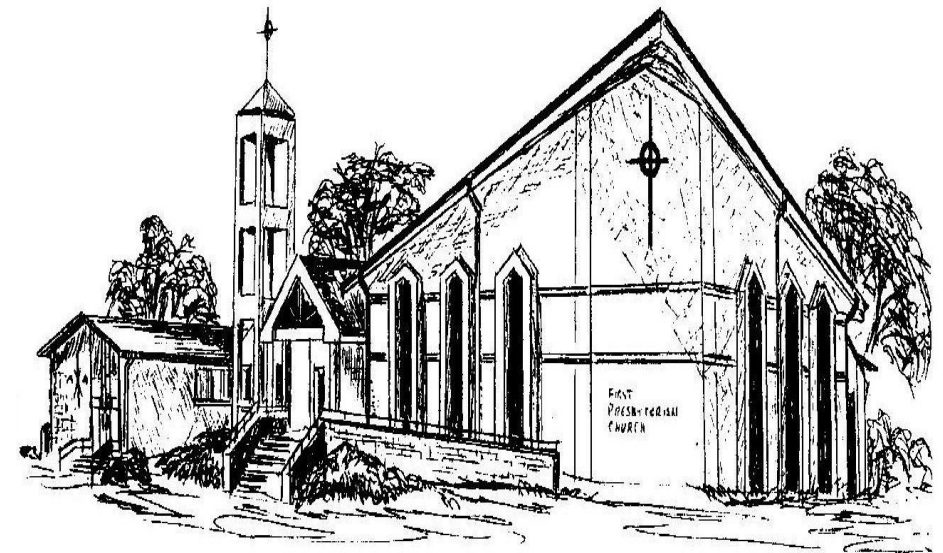
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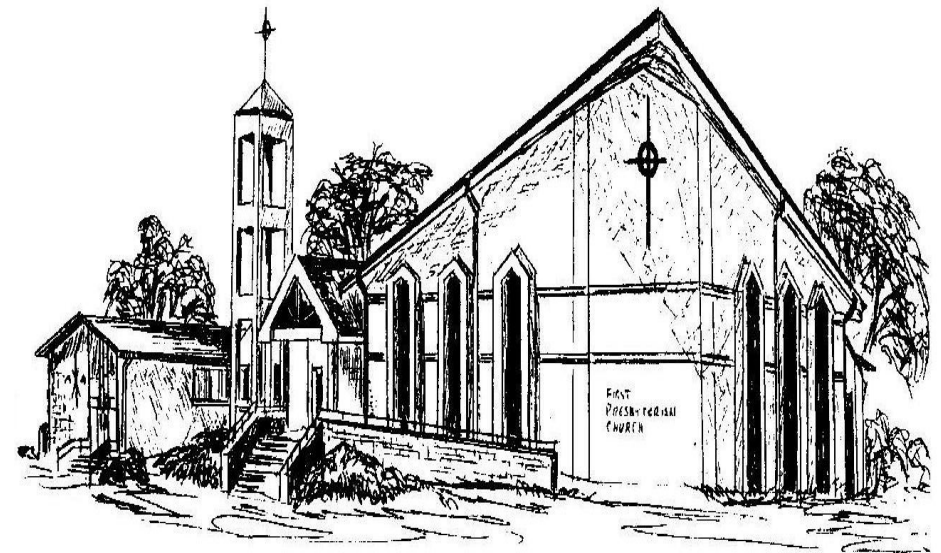
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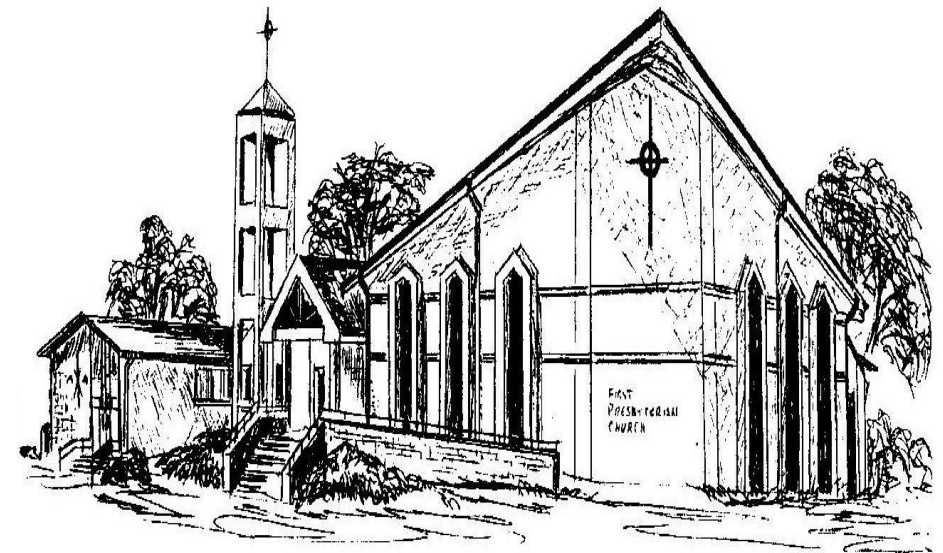
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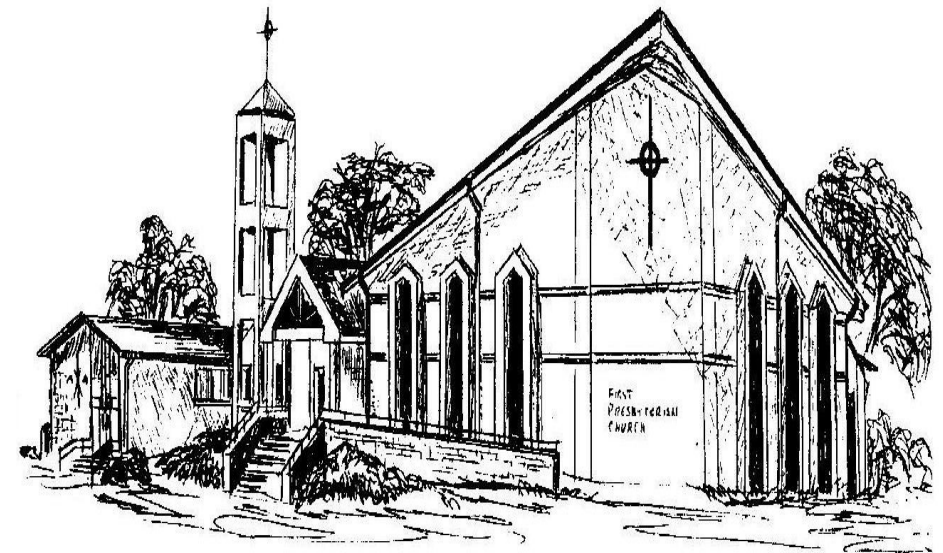
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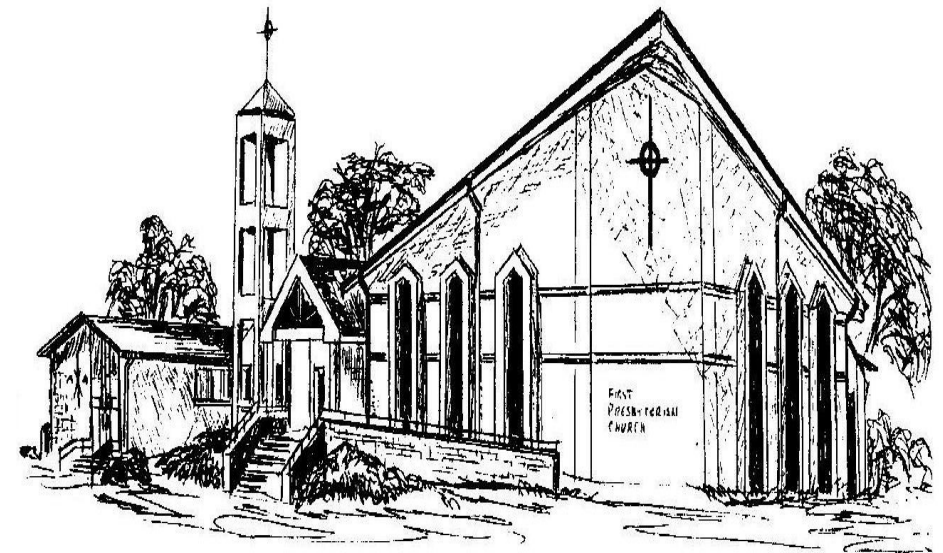
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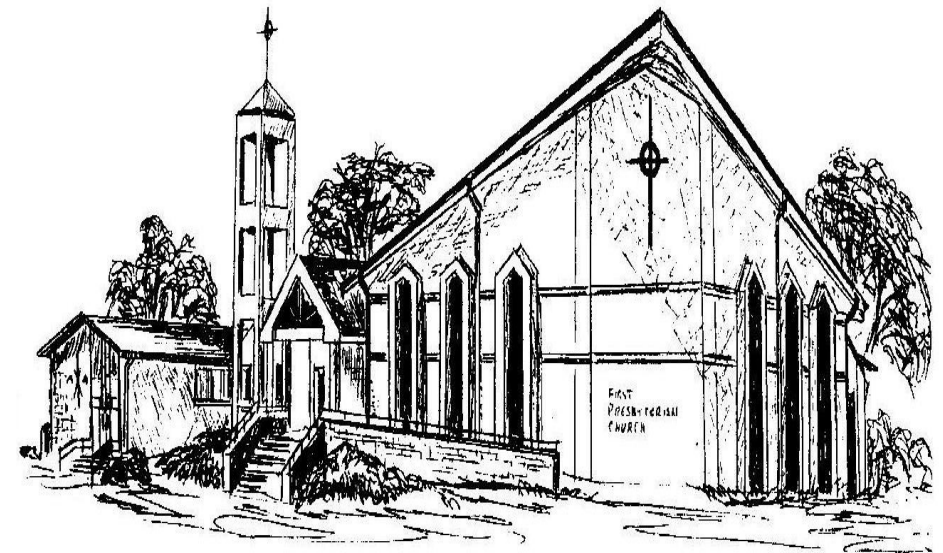
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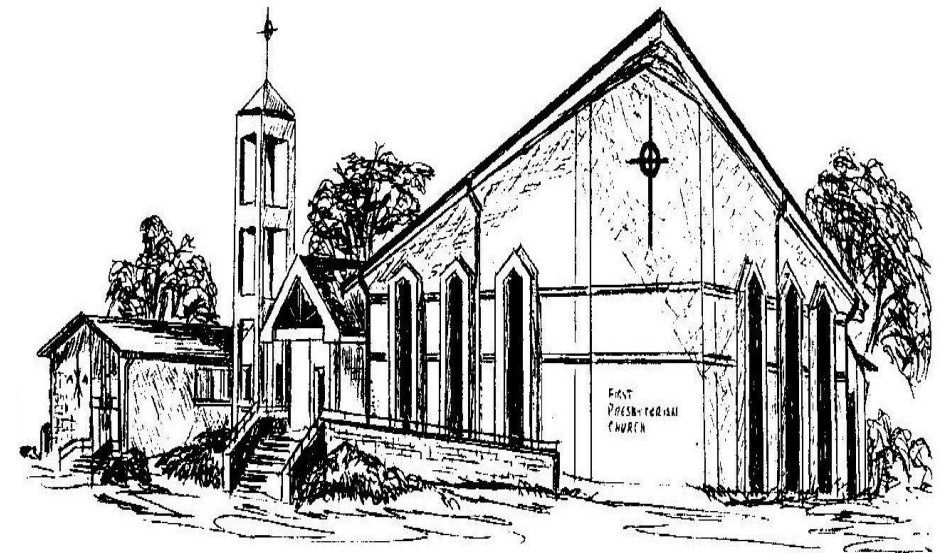
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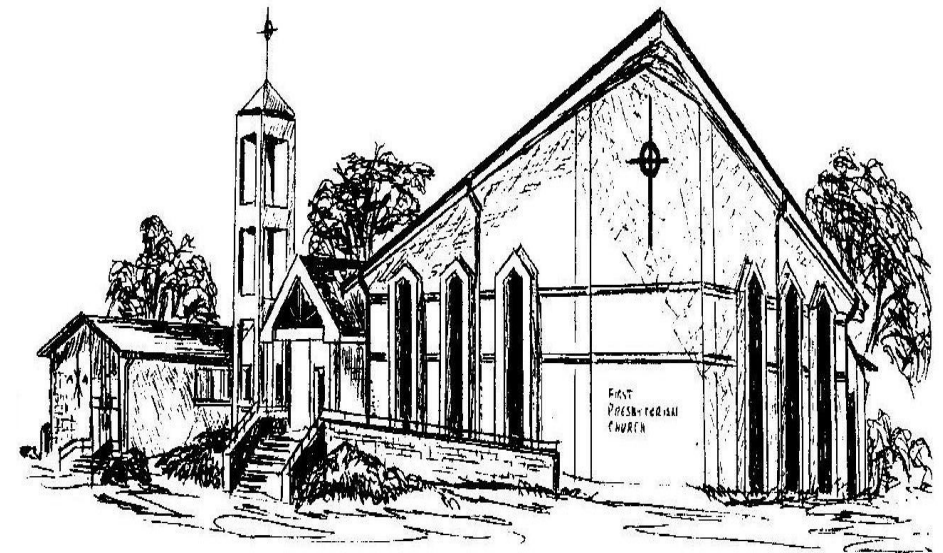
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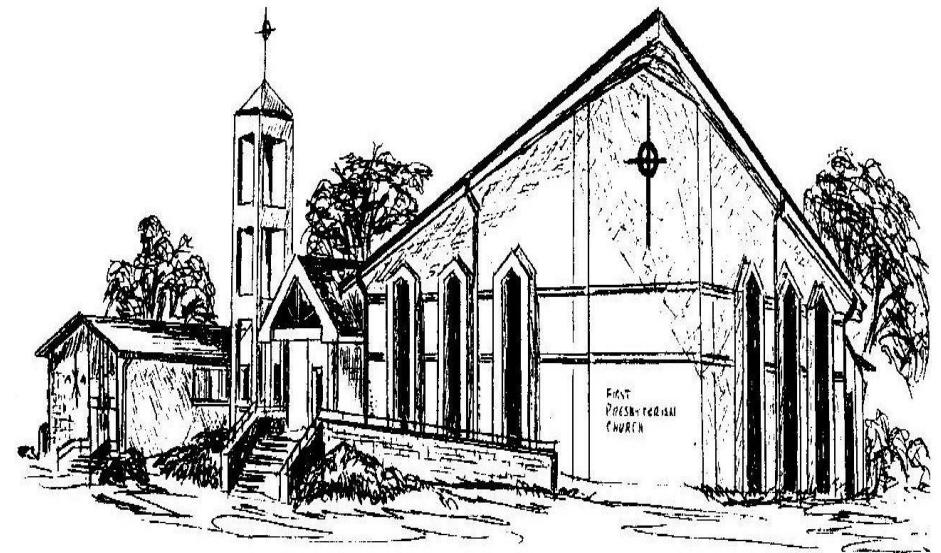
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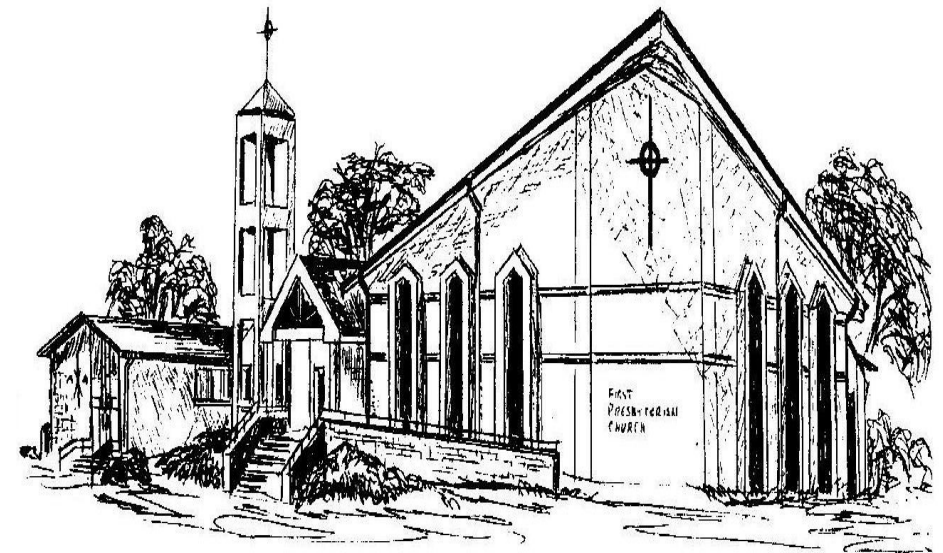
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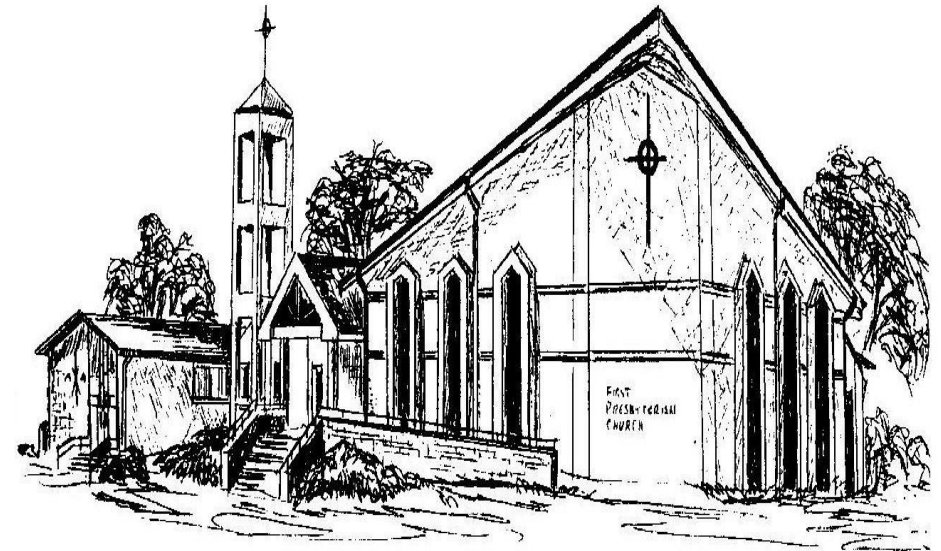
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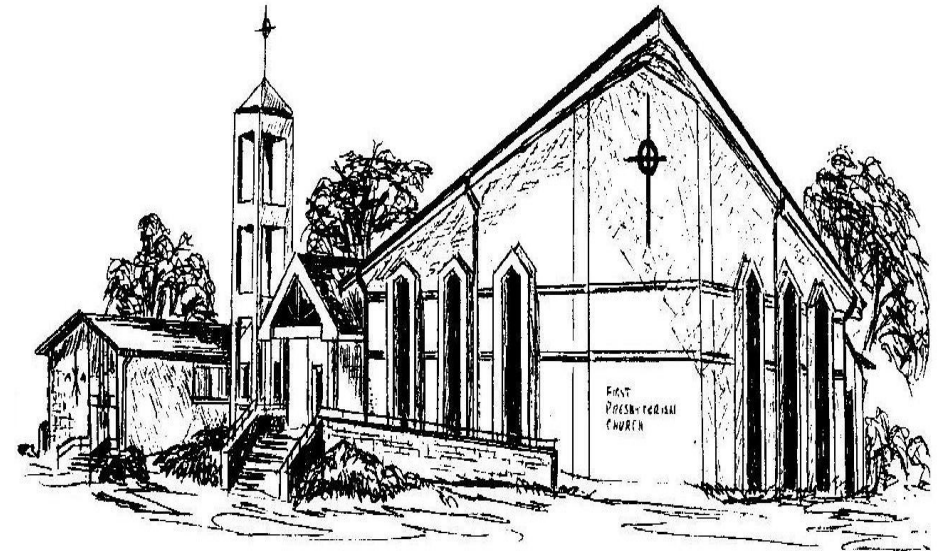
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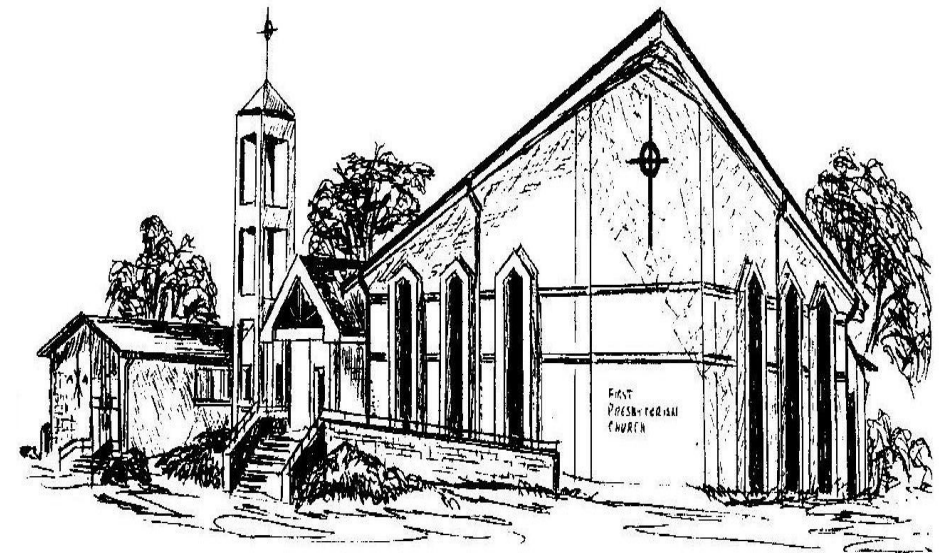
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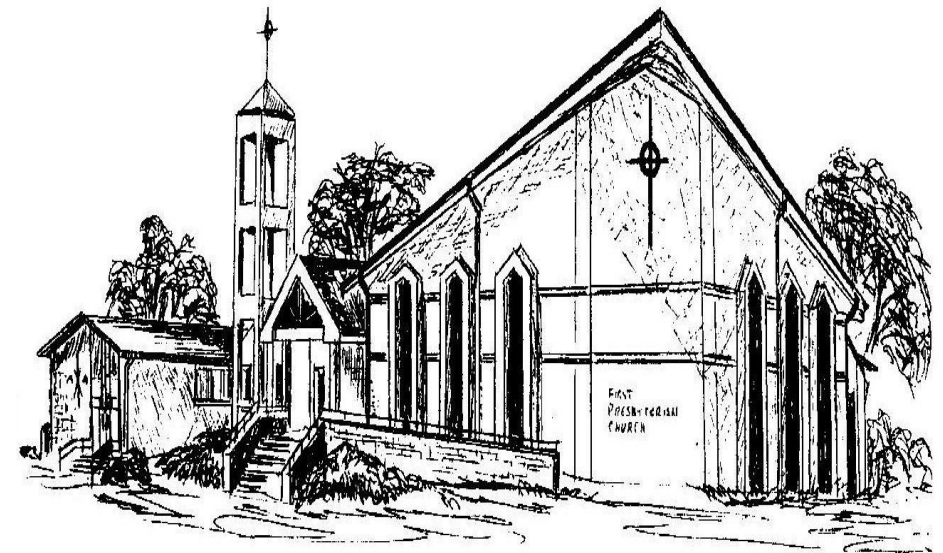
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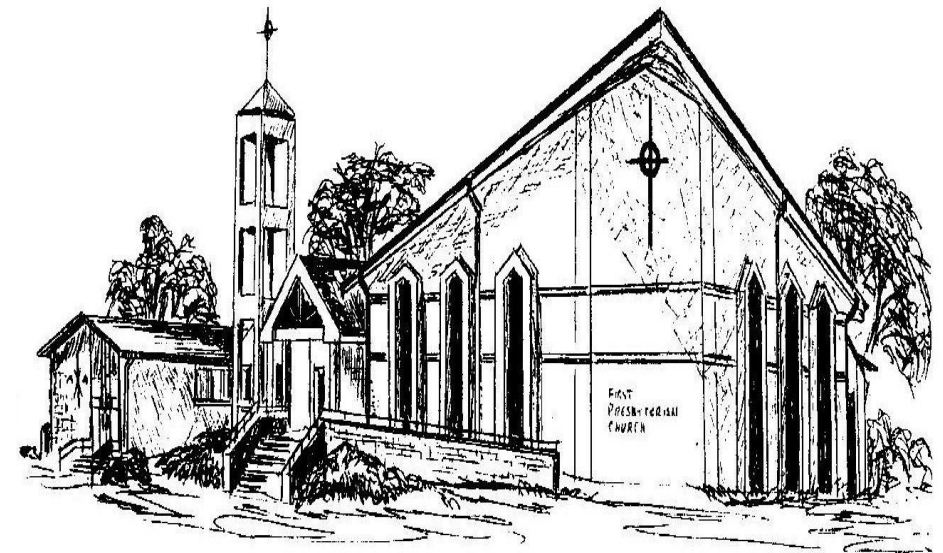
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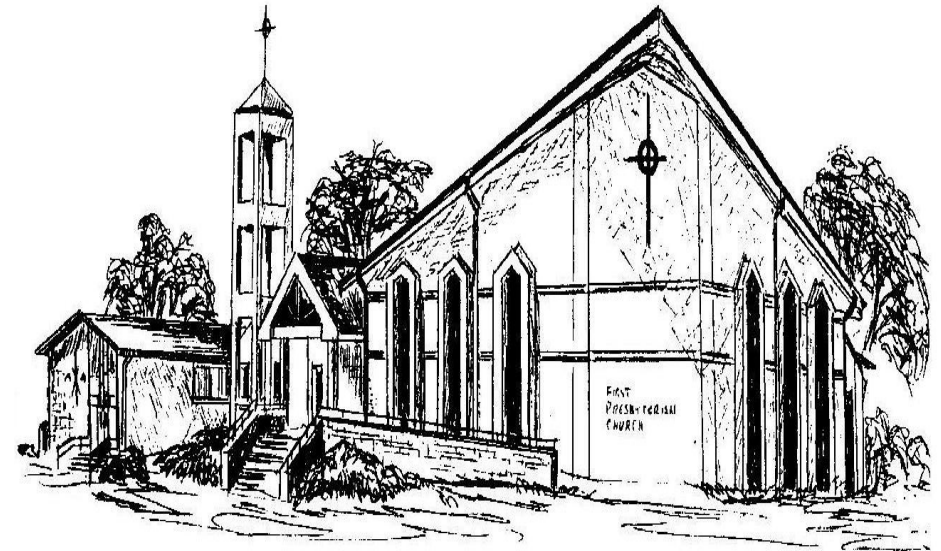
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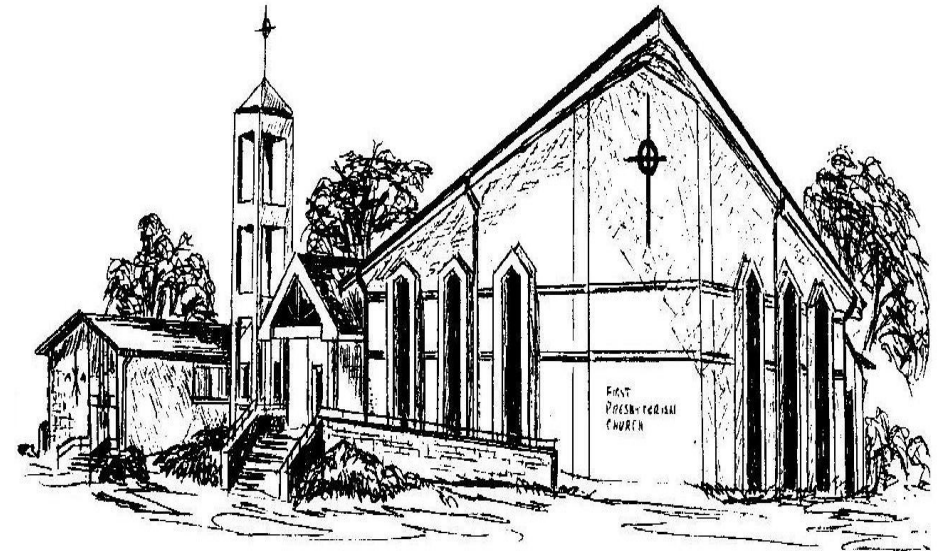
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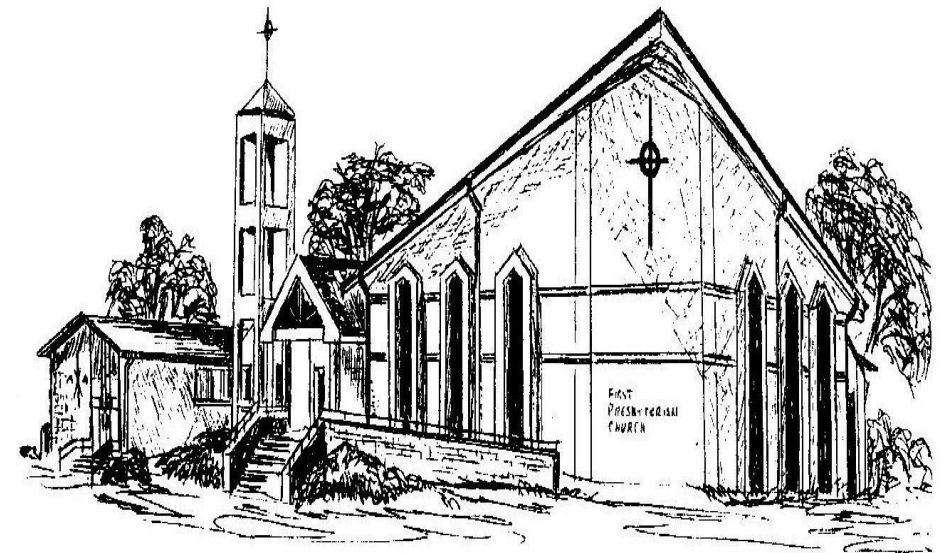
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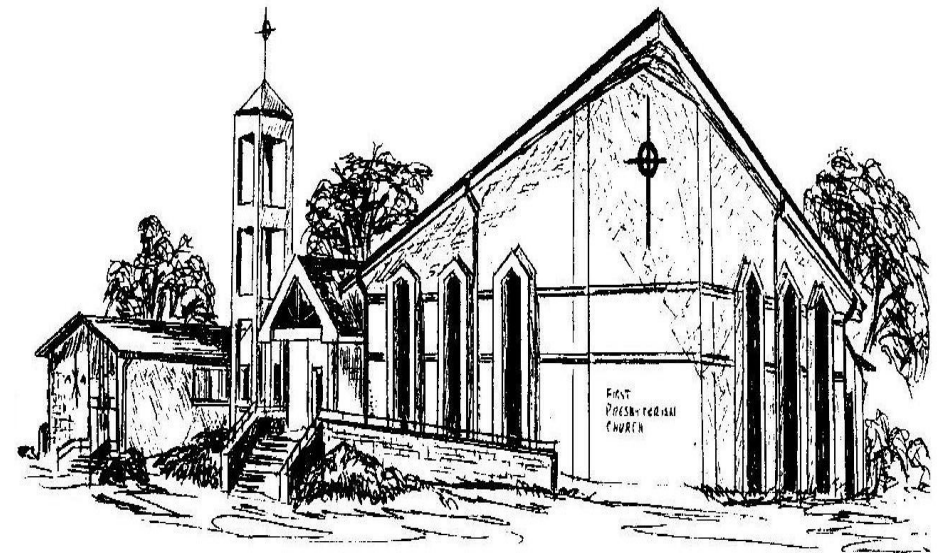
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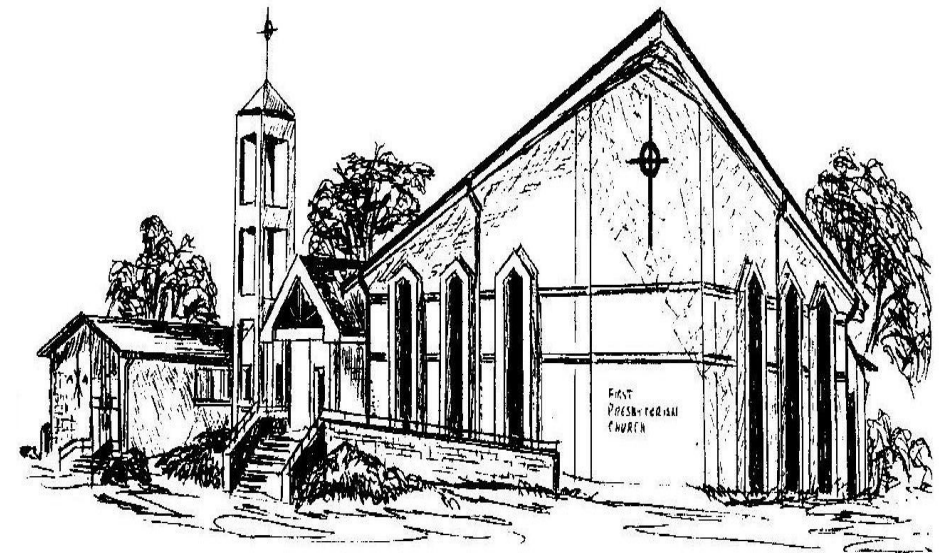
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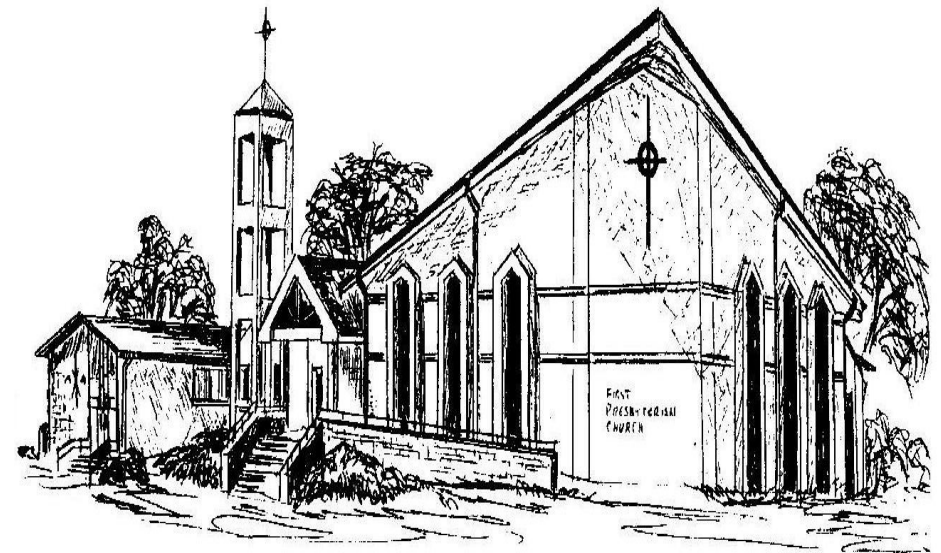
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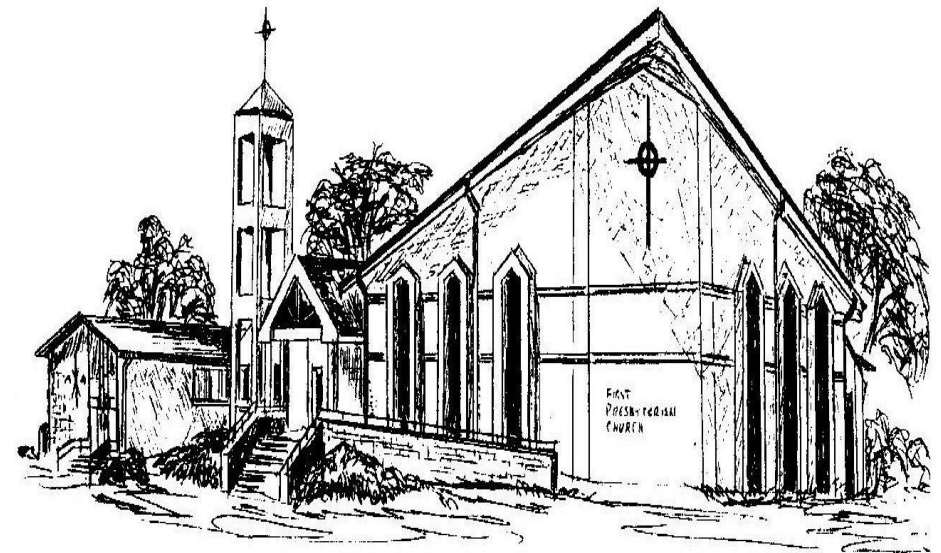
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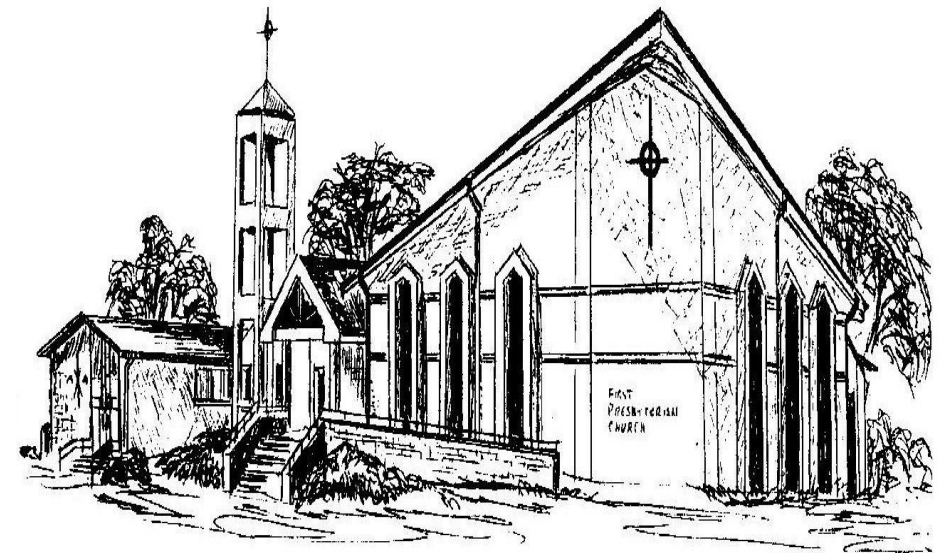
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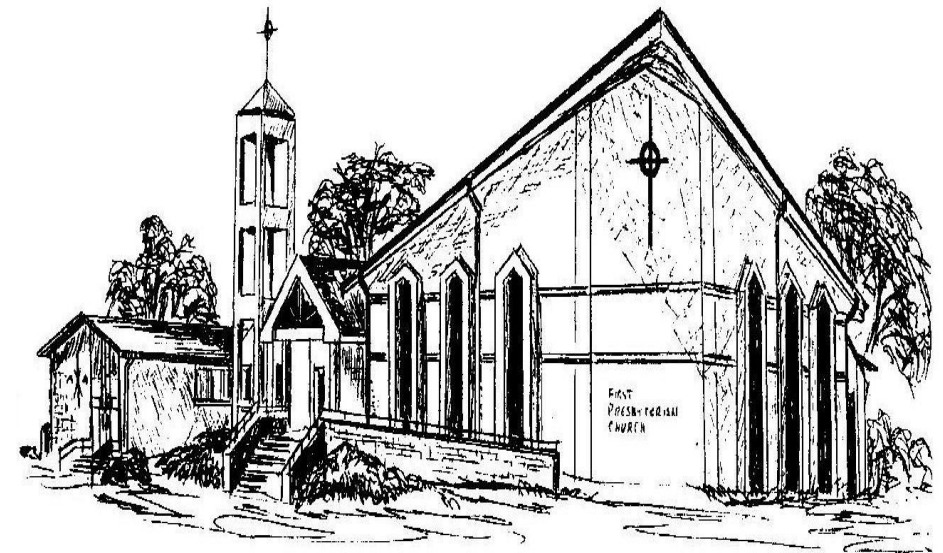
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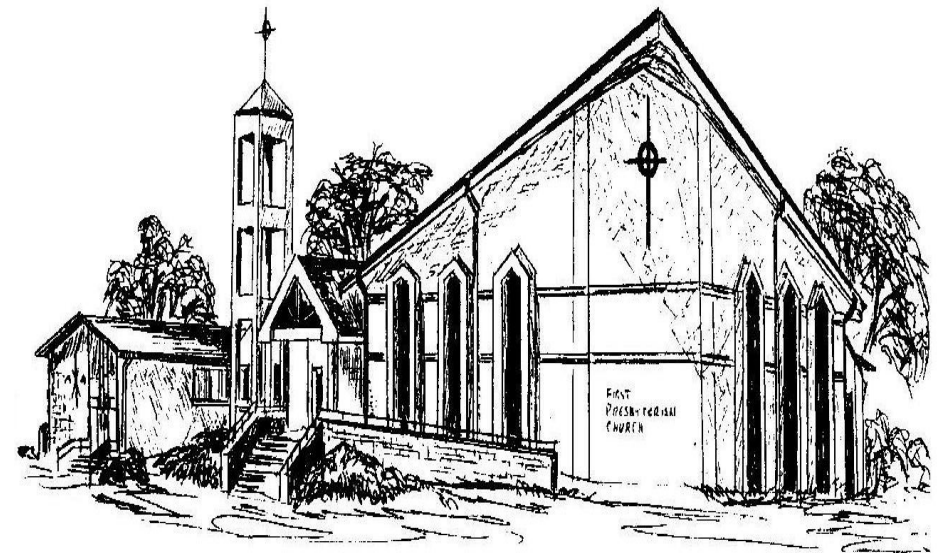
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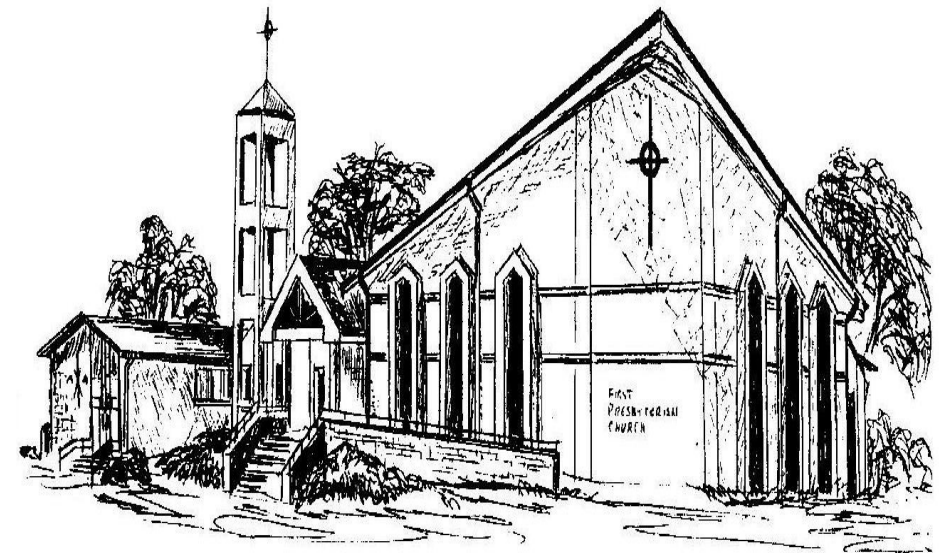
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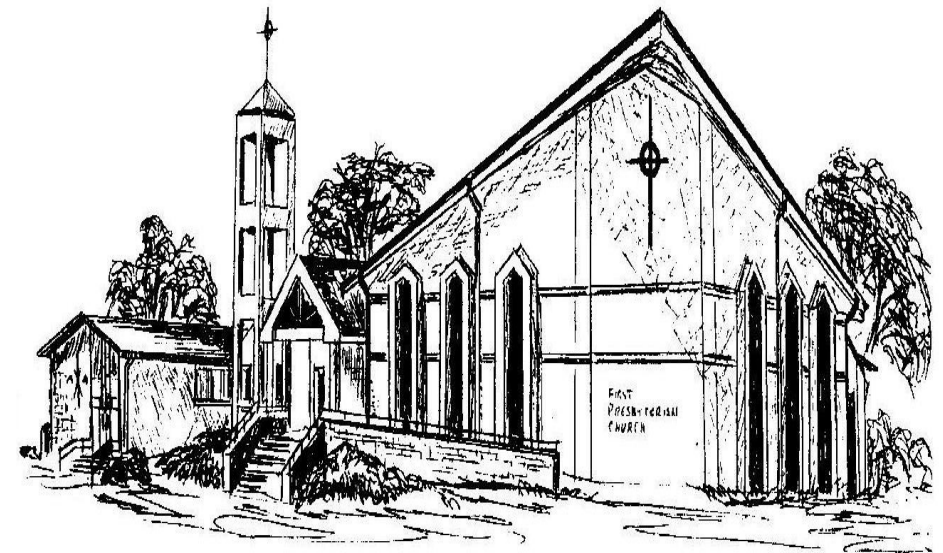
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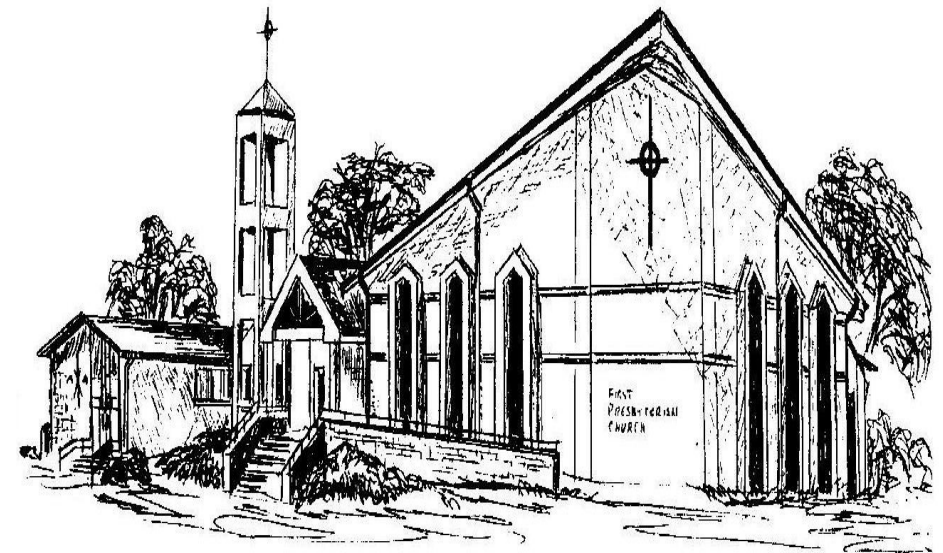
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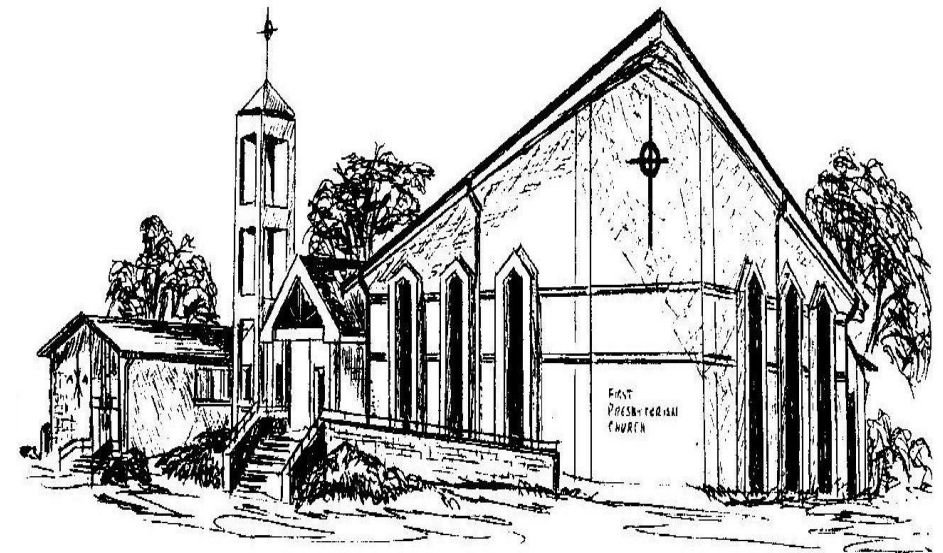
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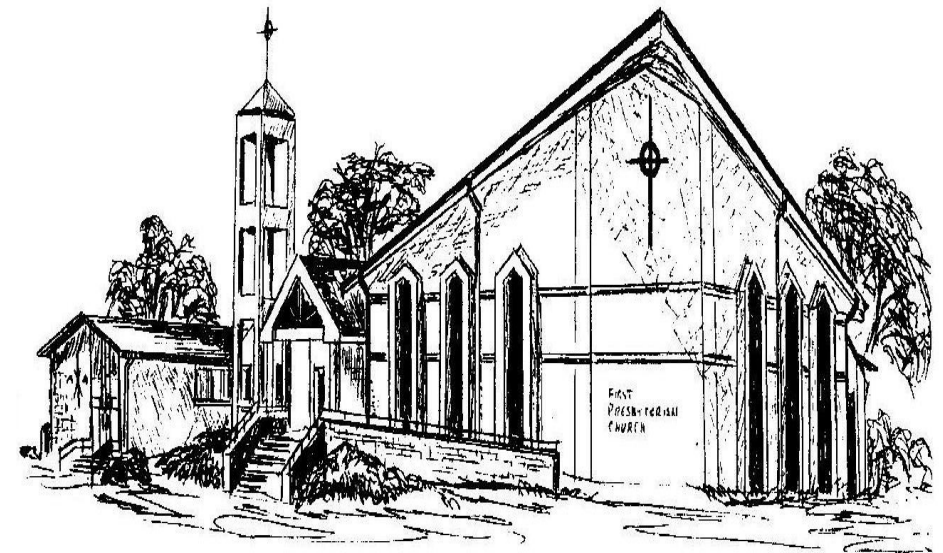
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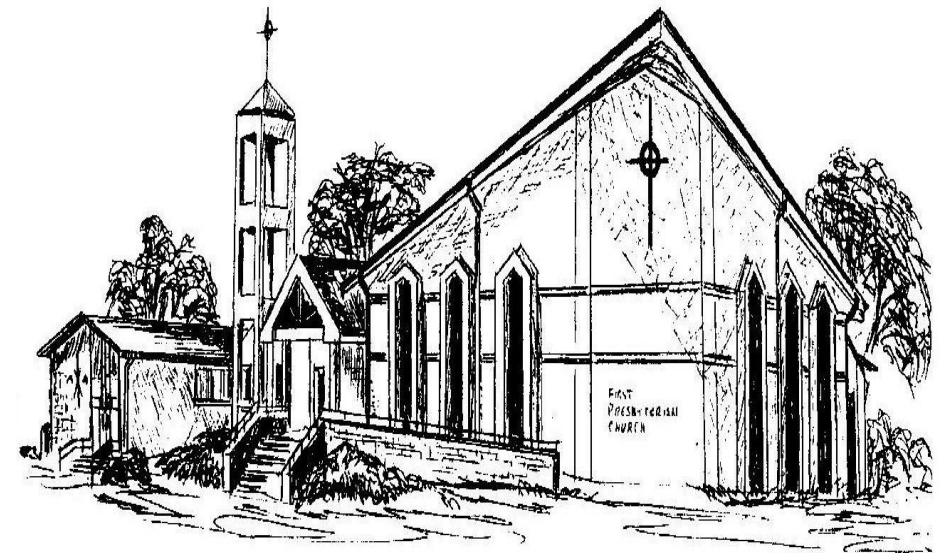
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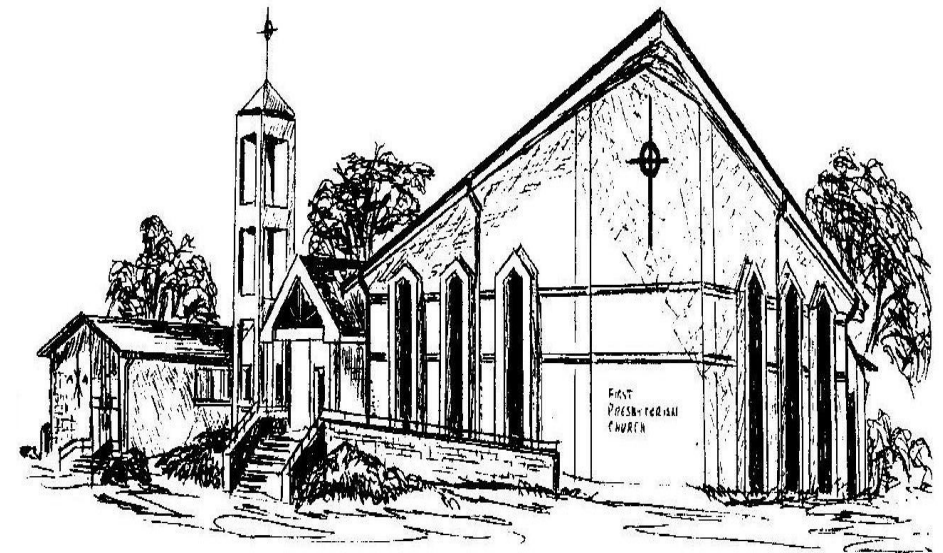
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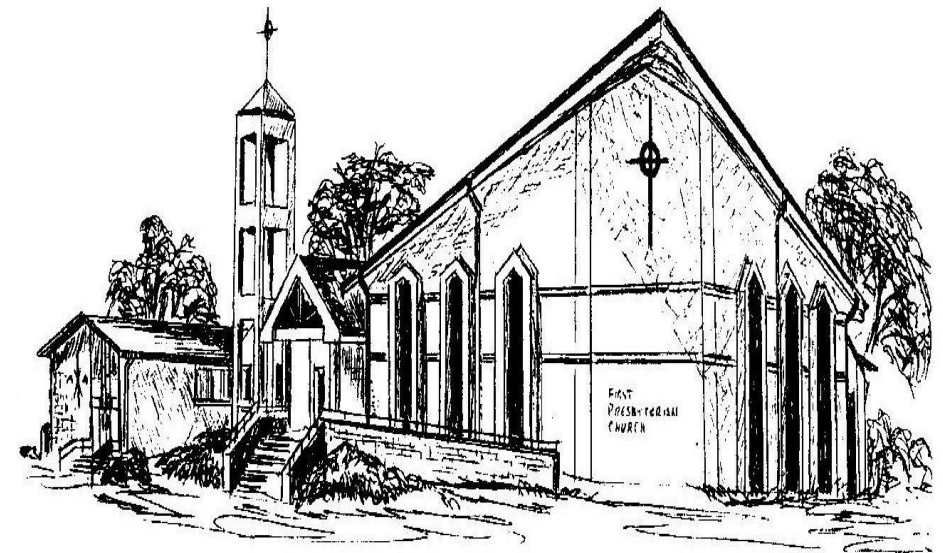
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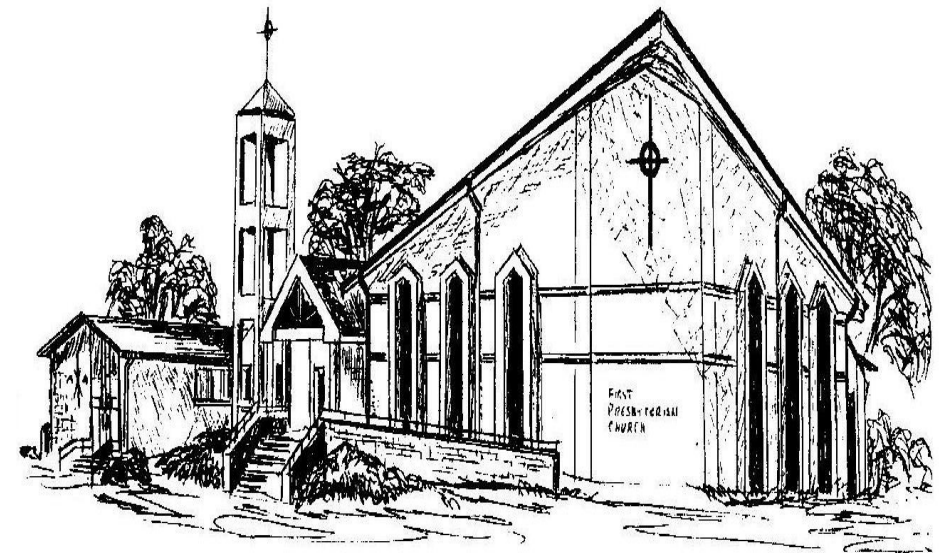
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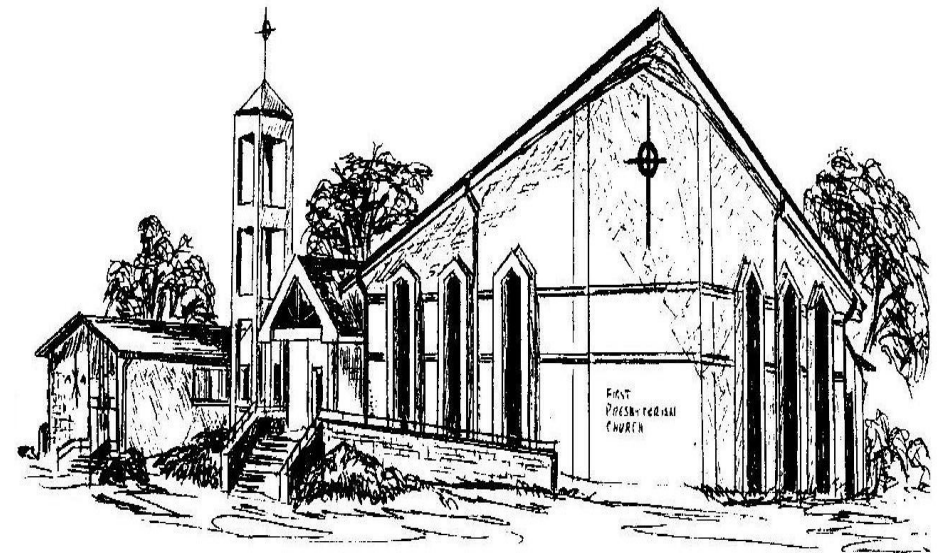
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Prelude

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!

People: Come, let us sing praise to God together, for our God is sovereign over all the earth!

Leader: Jesus reigns! Robed with majesty and armed with strength, God holds our world and our lives securely.

People: This is Jesus to who we have given our lives - the God who deserves our worship and our praise!

Opening Hymn*

Rejoice the Lord is King, Red Hymnal #228

Prayer of Confession* (Unison)

On this day in which we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, We come to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. We must remember that you can do everything. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

Silent Reflection*

Assurance of Pardon*

Gloria Patri*

Glory Be to the Father, Red Hymnal #623

Children's Time

New Member Reception

Shawn Kaiser

Scripture

Luke 24:44-53 Acts 1:1-9, Page 1644 1690

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Chancel Choir Anthem

I Believe He is Alive Soloist Chesley Jones

Sermon

Rise Up and Follow, Rev. Kimby Young

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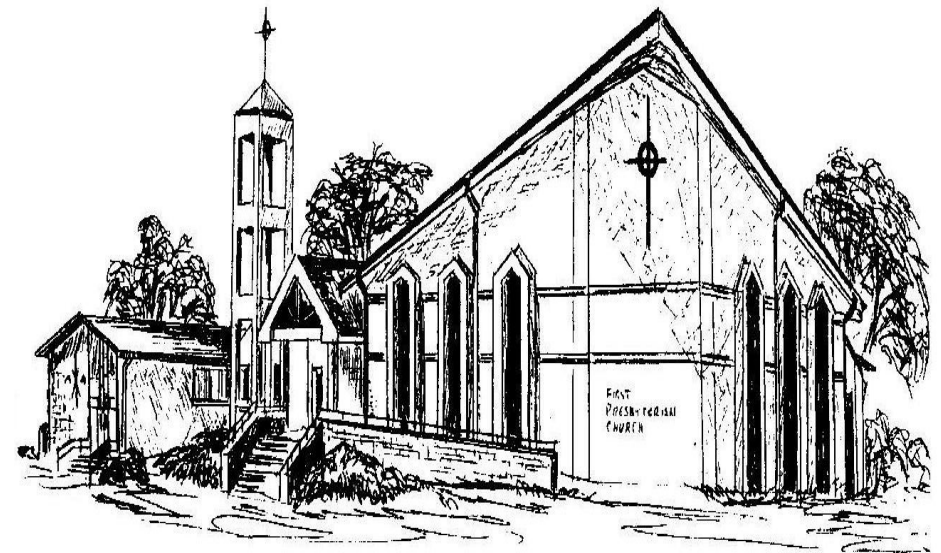
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