

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

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Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.

**First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN
July 16, 2017**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God's Creation delights and astonishes.

All: Let the people pause and wonder

One: God, the Creator, has made it all.

Let all creation shout and sing!

All: Alleluia!

***HYMN # 469 (PH)**

“Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

HYMN #454 (PH)

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, your word goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for which it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day, that we might walk according to your ways; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Extravagant Evangelism”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day, our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #560 (PH)**

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #2281 (SF)**

May you run and not be weary.

May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue

to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel

always lead you home.

POSTLUDE