

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 23, 2017**



"God gives strength to the weary and power to the weak" – Isaiah 40:29

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE "Majestic"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 8**

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God

All: and crowned them with glory and honor.

***HYMN # 276 (PH)**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your creatures cry - creation groans - but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

HYMN #2146 (SF)

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8: 22-26

MESSAGE

“You Alone Are My Portion”

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

“I Lift My Eyes Up *with* All Creatures of Our God and King”

***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 #2223 (SF)**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

***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

“They’ll Know We Are Christians *with* Blest Be the Tie”