

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Organist:	Megan Gilles
Projectionist:	Kali Jensen
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Valet Parking:	George Christensen
Ushers & Greeters:	Doug and Sharon Bakker
Coffee Fellowship:	Richard and Karen Lange



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 30, 2017**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**All: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength.

***HYMN #288 (PH)**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, God never forgets God’s promises; God’s covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God’s faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgements we trust to a love we cannot control.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Hear these words of assurance: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Carter Ardell Robles

Parents: Miriah & Ivan Robles

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

HYMN #304 (PH)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“A Pearl of Great Price”

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 #455 (PH)**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

***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