

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Leanne Thompson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Rev. Scott Thompson
<b>Organist:</b>	Beci Eliason
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Shara Goldenstein
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Terry Woitaszewski
<b>Nursery Supervisor:</b>	Erica Boeyink
<b>Valet Parking:</b>	Sarah Sieck
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters:</b>	Mel and Michele Odens
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b>	Mark and Nancy Chamberlain



**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  
August 20, 2017**



**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*\*Please rise as you are able.*

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION: Ridgewater Campus Ministry**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,

**All: reconciling us through Jesus Christ,  
who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.**

One: With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

**\*HYMN #483 (PH)** "Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty"

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

One: Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns  
to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

**All: Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us.  
We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for  
others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in  
our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have  
not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power  
of the Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help  
us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your  
abounding grace through Jesus Christ.**

*~ Silence for Reflection ~*

One: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for  
everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN #324 (PH)** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 15:10-28  
One: This is the word of our Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** "By Faith Alone"

**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 #2162 (SF)** "Grace Alone"

**\*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**