

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN #391 (PH) "Take My Life" verses 1-5

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Unison)

As we go out to our homes and as we encounter the concerns of our daily lives, let us hold onto the seed of the word that has been sown in our hearts today. Let us guard it and give it room to grow. Let us bear fruit and prosper that we might scatter the love of Christ far and wide. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Take My Life" verse 6

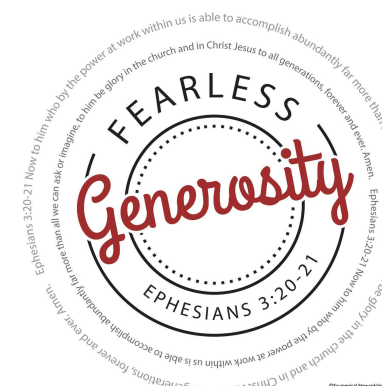
POSTLUDE



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Organist:	Megan Gilles
Projectionist:	Abigail Thompson
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
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Ushers & Greeters:	Pat Clark and Becky Armstrong
Coffee Fellowship:	Stewardship Hog Roast

First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN
October 29, 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 of all glory and majesty, like the songs we sing and the praises we speak, our gifts that we offer to you this morning are the way we bless and praise your name.

All: **Help us to learn how to do this without hesitation, without worry that if we give too much, we won't have enough.**

One: Remind us again that you have showered us with good things and that your grace and your immeasurable generosity will continue all our days.

All: **Teach us to walk in your way with eyes open to see the blessings.**

*HYMN #555 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

~ Silence for Reflection ~

One: through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*GLORIA PATRI #579 (PH)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, A-men, A-men.**

*THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #428 (PH)

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:1-4

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Fearless Giving"

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

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours,
the world and all who live in it.

All: **You have entrusted us with gifts—
time, talent, energy, money—
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.
With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

One: We bring these gifts you have given,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

All: **We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours.
We commit ourselves to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.**

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: **Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**