

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Scott Thompson
Organist: Beci Eliason
Projectionist: Deb Grunwald
Sound Tech: Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking: Curt Jans
Ushers & Greeters: Connie and Kali Jensen, Stacey Olson and Deb Grunwald
Coffee Fellowship: Earl and Betty Knutson



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
October 22, 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: We come to worship, God, hungering and thirsting for your word.

All: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is holy and awesome.

One: Stir up our hearts to receive as you sow the seeds of your word.

All: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is holy and awesome.

One: Tune our ears to listen for your voice.

All: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is holy and awesome.

One: Open our minds to understand your word.

All: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is holy and awesome.

One: Help us to keep your word firmly planted in our hearts and minds.

All: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is holy and awesome.

***HYMN #554 (PH)** "Let All Things Now Living"

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #560 (PH) "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:1-9

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Fearless Sowing"

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 #379 (PH)** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

***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.

POSTLUDE