

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Scott Thompson
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Rev. Leanne Thompson
<b>Organist:</b>	Megan Gilles
<b>Projectionist:</b>	Shara Goldenstein
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Terry Woitaszewski
<b>Nursery Supervisor:</b>	Erica Boeyink
<b>Valet Parking:</b>	George Christensen
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Earl and Betty Knutson and Richard and Karen Lange
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters:</b>	Jeff and Cheryl Tebben
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b>	Boeyink's and Gubrud's



**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 1, 2017**



**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*\*Please rise as you are able.*

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

**All: We are the People of God!**

One: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

**All: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**

One: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

**All: We are One in God's Spirit!**

One: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus

**All: For we are the people of Redemption!**

One: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

**All: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!**

**\*HYMN #289 (PH)**

"O God of Every Nation"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we come together and confess, we recognize our humanity and pray for peace over our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer of confession:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim**

the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts.

*~ Silence for Reflection ~*

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

#### **THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

#### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN #461 (PH)**

"God Is Here!"

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ephesians 2:14-18

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **MESSAGE**

#### **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**

#### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Bring us to the table with Christ.

Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

#### **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **\*HYMN Insert**

"As the Grains of Wheat"

#### **POSTLUDE**