

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Organist:	Rick Berg
Special Music:	Darcy Gubrud
Projectionist:	Shara Goldenstein
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	Doug Bakker
Ushers & Greeters:	George and Colleen Christensen
Coffee Fellowship:	Bob and Diann Anderson



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
September 10, 2017**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

“Two Hymn Improvisations”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Peace & Global Witness Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**All: For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

One: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**All: For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

One: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**All: For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

***HYMN #473 (PH)**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creator God, creativity begins with you, you who are revealed in time and space. Star maker, your word has the power to create, in whispers and shouts the universe continues to take shape. Architect, you drew the lines and arches, you measured the dimensions needed, to make a world that could sustain life. Master chef, you made the ingredients to sustain life, in plants and animals, food for all. Artist, your flair for original designs painted a canvas filled with color, depth, and diversity. Incarnate one, you put flesh and blood onto bones and marrow, you breathed life in to humanity. When you stopped to pause you were delighted with it all, you were content and filled with love for every tiny atom and nucleus that resides in all that you had created. Compassionate one, you gave us senses to enjoy it all too, you wanted us to look after it, to share in your joy of it.

All: Forgive us, Creator, for failing to enjoy all that you have made, for failing to look after it and nurture it as we should. Help us, O God, to turn from our mistakes, to respond to the needs of our fragile world, its climates and lifeforms. Help us to be co-creators with you, working for the good of the universe, for the benefit of all life in our world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #267 (PH) "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1-2:4

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Go Create"

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 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*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 #285 (PH)** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata Brevis"