

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
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Ushers & Greeters:	Marv and Sally Packer
Coffee Fellowship:	David and Marsha Little and Doris and Fred Cogelow



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 3, 2017**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 26:7-8)**

One: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

All: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

One: For the Lord dwells among the people;

All: the glory of God abides with us.

***HYMN #554 (PH)**

"Let All Things Now Living"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God to save, let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

HYMN #335 (PH)

"Though I May Speak"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Building the Beloved Community"

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: Therefore we praise you...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN #386 (PH)

"O for a World"

POSTLUDE