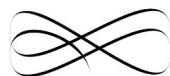


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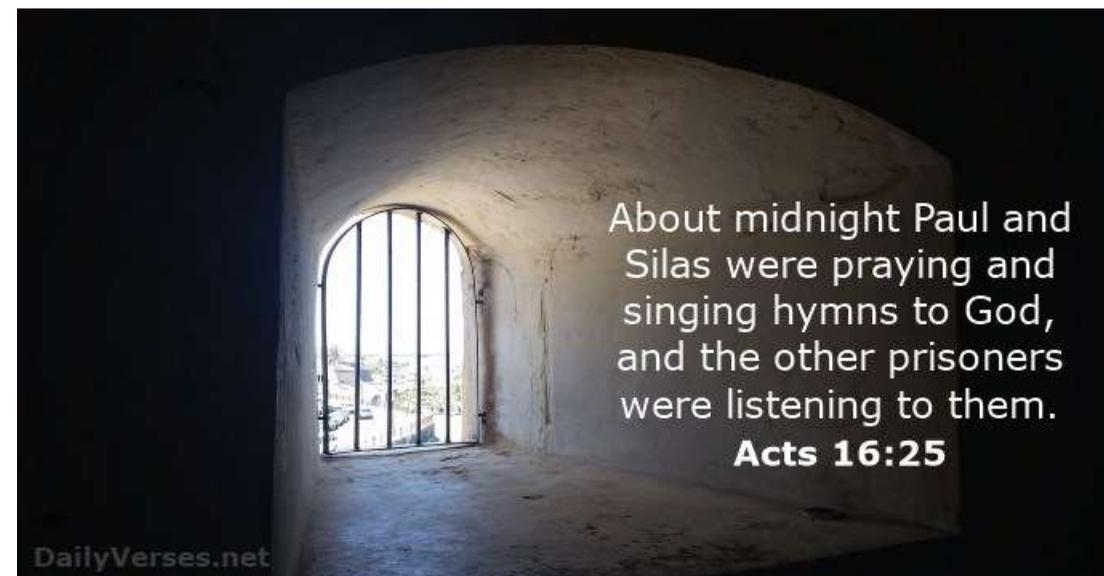
Preacher: Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist: Rev. Leanne Thompson
Pianist: Jill Boeyink
Projectionist: Cheryl Tebben
Sound Tech: Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking: Curt Jans
Ushers & Greeters: Jeff and Sarah Sieck
Counters: Doug and Sharon Bakker
Coffee Fellowship: Mel and Michele Odens



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
April 22, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

"In the Secret"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In many and various ways at different times and places the all-powerful God calls us to pray and sing.

All: **With joy in our hearts we pray and praise together for nothing is impossible for God. Let us worship God.**

***HYMN #37 (SH)**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Almighty and Merciful God, today we consider the elements of our living that cause pain to others.

All: We are sorry for the constraints we place on others through our words, actions or lack of attention which leave others vulnerable or held captive in a life which is not as full of opportunity as it should be.

One: We are sorry when we judge others acting strangely or for being annoying, when perhaps the problem instead lies in our own failure to be tolerant or in our own lack of understanding.

All: We are sorry too for the times when we underestimate your influence in the world, when we ignore the transformative power of your Holy Spirit, working in and through others, and directly across the world.

One: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers. Drive out all that is wrong and ill-judged in our lives. Cultivate within us a sense of awe and appreciation: both in you as Creator, and for all that you create.

(Silence for Reflection)

One: Let our hearts sing,

All: for we have been rescued and set free by your merciful actions. Release us into the world to serve you in all things.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF THANKS #577 (PH)

“Glory Be to the Father”

*THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

HYMN #110 (SH)

“Let It Be Said of Us”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1”

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER #1 (SH)

Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today, our daily bread;

forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.

The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

A-men, a-men, a-men.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Healing Rain”

*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 #2279 (SF)

“The Trees of the Field”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Overcome”