

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Take Up Your Cross”

**Take up your cross and follow me, lift up the yoke of your salvation,
Put on the armor of the Word, and walk in the Truth and Light.
And walk in the Truth and Light.**

POSTLUDE “Like a River Glorious”

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist: Rev. Leanne Thompson
Pianist: Jill Boeyink
Special Music: Music Team
Projectionist: Deb Grunwald
Sound Tech: Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking: David Little
Ushers & Greeters: Roger and Carol Tatge
Great Entry: Confirmands
Communion Servers: Diann Anderson, Barb Little, Mel Odens, Roger Tatge
Fellowship: Nurture and Fellowship Committee
Counters: Chuck and Karen Stern



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
May 1, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE “My World Needs You”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT ENTRY #2 (SH) “We Come to Your Feast”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us turn away from the noise, the confusion and the relentless pressure of the world to acknowledge God’s presence with us and appreciate God’s love for us.

All: **We come to worship because we love God.
We come to worship because we want to love God more.
We come with open hearts to offer our worship.**

HYMN #2165 (SF) “Cry of My Heart”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

One: God we gather today, each in our allotted place your people,
called to worship, called to witness, called to give thanks for one another.
We ask your forgiveness for all those times we have not realized the
potential of your love in us: all those opportunities we have missed
when we did not bear witness to you.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, and renew in us a desire to make you known in our
everyday lives. You, the God of all make room for us meeting and
delighting in our company.**

One: In our worship, may we make room for you and room for your Spirit to
move among us, filling and renewing us, allowing us to worship you in
Spirit and in truth.

**All: May we recognize your presence and honor you in our service in the
world. May our time here equip and empower us to witness to your
love and mirror your compassion in all of life.**

~ Silence for Reflection ~

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 BLESSING

HYMN # 2163 (SF) "He Who Began A Good Work In You"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 1:1-18a
One: This is the word of our Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The Journey Begins"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Elliot Christensen
Isabelle Kienholz
Tori Marquardt
Andrea Walz

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed"

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING "King of My Heart"

*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.

**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.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #2162 (SF)** "Grace Alone"