

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN "For All the Saints" #526 (PH)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Peace Like a River" Sunday Ringers

POSTLUDE



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.
- **We sing hymns from three songbooks located in the pews:** PH = large blue "Presbyterian Hymnal"; SF = small blue "Sing the Faith" songbook; SH = spiral-bound "Songs from the Heart."

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, MN

November 4, 2018



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth--

All: for God keeps faith forever!

One: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**All: God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

One: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

One: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

All: God keeps faith forever!

*HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" #341 (PH)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" #366 (PH)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10:2-16

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 "Shall We Gather at the River" Sunday Ringers

*DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, we offer you these gifts that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign. For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray...

All: **God of the ages, we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God's path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do. Thank you, God, for the gift of your saints.**

One: ...we look ahead with hope to the people whose faithful witness to God's love will inspire future generations.

All: **Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life. Amen.**