

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Barb Little
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Fellowship: Tammy Douglas and Becky Armstrong



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 25, 2018



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE "Let All Things Now Living" Gerhard Krapf

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Revelation 1:4b-8)**

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,

**All: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: The whole earth is full of God's glory.

***HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" #138 (PH)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion hearts, let us say how it is with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on John 18:33-37)

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Water is poured into the font.

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting – it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as people set free.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" #554 (PH)

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-27

One: This is the word of our Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "We Give Thanks to Christ the King"

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" Allan Mahnke

*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

One: Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love.

All: **Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more – for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor's daily bread, and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" #555 (PH)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach