

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Proclamation of the Word:	Children & Youth of Sunday School & Gospel Rock
Liturgists:	Confirmation Class - Tyler Bulthuis, Abby Samuelson, Blake Schoolmeester, and Caleb Woltjer
Pianist:	Dean Gylten
Special Music:	Sunday Ringers
Projectionist:	Elliot Christensen
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	Richard Lange
Ushers & Greeters:	Jeff and Sarah Sieck
Counters:	Chuck and Karen Stern
Fellowship:	Nurture and Fellowship



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
December 16, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission: Christmas Joy Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

All: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

One: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

**All: for great is the Holy One in our midst,
blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.**

INTROIT "While We are Waiting, Come"

Insert

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another.

Reader 2: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

***HYMN** "Love Has Come"

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

"Christmas Is Jesus"

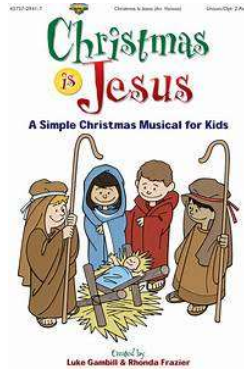
Song #1 "Carol Medley"
(Sung by Kids and Congregation)

Song #2 "We Three Kings"

Song #3 "Glory to God in the Highest"

Song #4 "Christmas is Jesus *with* O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Song #5 "Carol Medley Reprise"
(Sung by Kids & Congregation)



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 "Celebration" 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**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #29 (PH)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Bell Cascade" Sunday Ringers

POSTLUDE