

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, MN

January 6, 2019

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Pastor Leanne Thompson
Liturgist:	Pastor Scott Thompson
Pianist:	Jill Boeyink
Special Music:	Music Team
Projectionist:	Deb Grunwald
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	Sarah Sieck
Ushers & Greeters:	Jerry and Robin Bulthuis
Communion Servers	Roger Tatge, Connie Spartz, Gary Manzer, and David Little
Fellowship:	Betty and Earl Knutson



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."



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE

"Heavenly Sunlight"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:1-3)

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

All: Proclaim God's praise among the nations

*HYMN #100 (SH)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of

wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins. Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

A Star-Led Journey

HYMN #137 (SH)

"Shine on Us"

*As we sing, please accept a star gift from the plate
as it passes in front of you.*

*May the word you receive lead you on a journey
that brings you closer to your Savior.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

Amen, amen, amen.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Amazed"

*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

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.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN (Insert)

"Go Light Your World"

POSTLUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**For last year's words belong to last year's language
and next year's words await another voice.**

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