

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, MN

January 27, 2019

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Organist:	Megan Gilles
Projectionist:	Elliot Christensen
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	Curt Jans
Ushers & Greeters:	Connie Jensen & Stacey Olson
Counters:	Chuck and Karen Stern
Fellowship:	Earl Knutson



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

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."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1; Nehemiah 8:8

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

All: God calls us to be builders as well.

One: God calls us to build our lives:

All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

One: God calls us to build our faith:

All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

One: God calls us to build our community:

All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

*HYMN #332 (PH)

"Live Into Hope"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin as an offering
of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nehemiah 8:9

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Nehemiah 8:10

As a called and ordained minister of Jesus Christ, I assure you that you have been restored in the grace of God. Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice, for this is a new day for you and for me.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN #435 (PH)

"We All Are One in Mission"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who

inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Barb Little, Certificate in Ministry

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

***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 #466 (PH)**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE