

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.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Pastor Leanne Thompson
Liturgist:	Pastor Scott Thompson
Organist:	Christine Schneider
Projectionist:	Deb Grunwald
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	George Ruter
Ushers & Greeters:	Gary and Lori Manzer
Communion Servers:	Bob and Diann Anderson and Doug and Sharon Bakker
Fellowship:	Nurture and Fellowship

Question for Reflection:

If I cannot see the log in my vision, how can I remind myself that it exists?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of waking and sleeping, we give you thanks that you have brought the morning and opened our minds to a new day. Give us courage for the events that will unfold in the next hours. Help us see our neighbors as you see them. Show us the way of peace. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of all compassion, our rock and salvation, for all that we have done today that bears good fruit, we give you thanks. For all that we have done today that missed your purposes, we ask forgiveness. Restore us to your strong foundation, and assure us of your love. Protect us now in sleep from all danger. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church

Willmar, MN

March 3, 2019

Confirmation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 92:1-2, 4)**

One: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord,
to sing praises to you, O God Most High,

**All: to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night.**

One: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

All: at the work of your hands I sing for joy.

***HYMN #35 (GtG)**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION ☩

When the flood surges and the river rises, be thankful that your house is established on the rock of God's unfailing love. Trusting in the Lord, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that our lives are choked and tangled in sin. We call you Lord, but we do not live according to your word. We are quick to point out others' faults, but oblivious to our own. We treasure what is evil and squander your good gifts. Forgive us, we pray. Redeem us, restore us recreate us by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS ✂

One: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin – but God has swallowed up death forever, and sin has no more power over us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Therefore, beloved, be steadfast, be faithful, excelling in the work of the Lord; in the Lord, your labor will not be in vain.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN #353 (GtG)

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

Luke 6:39-49

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CONFIRMATION

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

"Here I am, Lord"

***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

This is not a Presbyterian table, it is the Lord's Table. All who love Jesus and are learning to love him more are invited to participate in Communion, including children with the permission of their parents. The unleavened bread used in today's service was made by the Confirmation students.

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 #488 (GtG)

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

POSTLUDE