

* **HYMN OF TRUST** No. 563
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today. (Tune: Hymn #411)

* **POSTLUDE**

* The congregation may stand.

THE CONGREGATION'S MISSION:

"First Presbyterian Church of Red Wing is a congregation that seeks to grow in the love of Jesus Christ and to share that love with the community and the world."

PARTICIPANTS

In Ministry	The Congregation
Choir Director	Peter Dulak
Pianist	Lynn Dulak
Organist	JoAnne McNamara
Pastor	The Rev. Greg Bolt
Pastor	The Rev. Heidi Bolt
Lay Leader	Peggy Thompson

FRIENDS AND GUESTS: Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. May God's presence be with us and God's blessings be upon us as we worship together today. Please join us for refreshments at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (lower level).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Blue Prayer Request cards may be completed and given to an usher or placed in the basket at the Sanctuary door

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT ED DISCUSSION GROUP... meets every **Sunday morning at 9:15** (until 10:00) in the Conference Room. Each week a different topic is discussed, based upon relating current events, life issues, or theological topics to Christian faith. Come by and join in to deepen, broaden, and refresh your faith in Christ.

"I have set before you **LIFE** and **DEATH**,
blessing and cursing: therefore
CHOOSE LIFE." Deut. 30:19

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

February 12, 2017—10:30 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

—Rabbi Tarfon

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Are you the one?

All: The one with the questions, the one with the doubts, the one with the fears, the one with the anger?

Leader: Are you the one?

All: The one who is certain, the one with your faith intact, the one with it sorted, the one full of joy?

Leader: Are you the one?

All: Whoever you are, the welcome is here: come and share this time together in worship and praise of the One.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 421

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

(Prayer Request cards are collected by the Usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Light of the world, Your patience with us is never ending. You have shown us wonders, yet we are so often complacent. You have showered us with mercy, yet we withhold mercy from others. You have given us everything, and we act as though we were entitled all along. Forgive us these and all our secret sins. You know our hearts; we implore you to make us whole again. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The words of Jesus' pardon are trustworthy and true: Your faith has made you well.

People: **May our hearts overflow with gratitude at the gift of God's mercy,**

Leader: and may we also be merciful in our turn.

All: **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

***PRAYER RESPONSE - Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 146:5-10 (read responsively)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Walkin' In Jerusalem"— arr. Sheldon Curry

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 7:18-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Greg Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** "Who Is This Man?" (Insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (excerpt from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (p. 16 in hymnal)

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory:

***Doxology** No. 591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: When you are not what we expected, may we dare to follow you into what is yet unknown

All: **may we be more than the world expects: more just; more loving; more vocal; more compassionate; more restless; more challenging; more of your kingdom people.**

Leader: When you are not what we expected

All: **may we learn to be more than what we expect from ourselves. Amen.**

Luke 7:18-35

18 The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"' ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

24 When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.' ²⁹(And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. ³⁰But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

31 'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not weep."

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" ³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." -- John 4:8

Psalm 146:5-10 (read responsively)

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

GREETERS: Bonnie Lohmann

USHER: Doug Fryer

FLOWERS: OPEN

FELLOWSHIP: Valentine's Day Brunch

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! If you are able to help out on Sunday mornings by either being an usher, greeter or lay leader, please let Susan Crocker (Usher coordinator), Bonnie Lohmann (Greeter coordinator), or Chris Rayner (Lay leader coordinator) know. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for hosting Fellowship located on the kiosk next to the flower calendar for anyone wishing to help out. Your help is much needed and greatly appreciated!

"Happy Valentine's Day!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PREZ HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

TODAY, 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. -- Worship
11:30 a.m. – Fellowship/Valentine’s Day Brunch
Mon., 02/13, 10:00 a.m.—Coffee @ Mandy’s Café
Tues., 02/14, 8:00 a.m. – Finance & Stewardship Cmte.
9:30 a.m. – Presbyterian Women meet in Fellowship Hall
6:55 p.m.—JuBELLation Ringers
Wed., 02/15, 6:15 a.m. – Men’s Book Study
5:30 p.m. –Confirmation
7:00 p.m. -- Session
Thur., 02/16, 7:30 a.m.—Women’s Book Study @ St. James

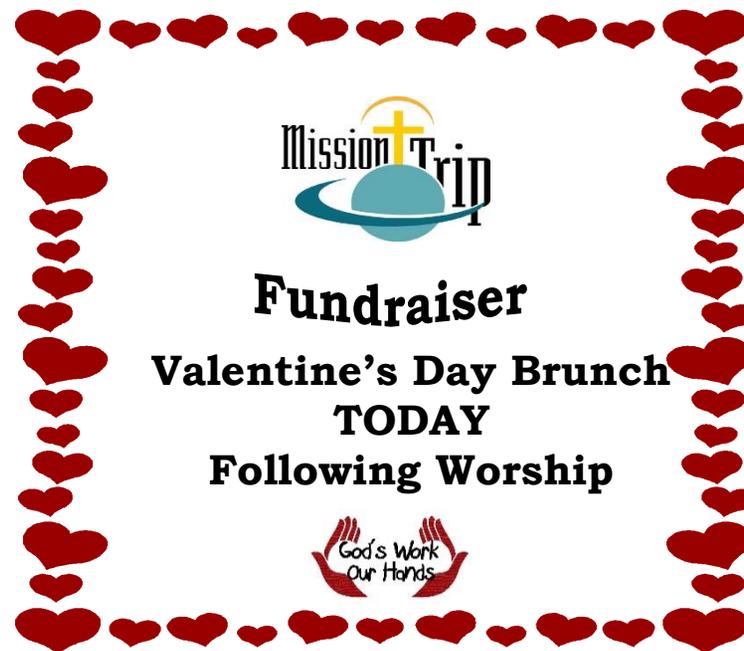
FOOD SHELF NEWS: February’s goal is to collect 75 tubes of toothpaste. Please leave your donations on the shelf in the lounge. January’s food shelf donations included 55 cans of baked beans and 9 miscellaneous items. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity in helping others in need!

KIOSK: Please be sure to check the kiosk outside of the church office to see what events are taking place in the community, services that are provided by various groups in and around the Red Wing area, or to sign up for the flower calendar or to host Fellowship. Thank you!

WOODBURY CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA will once again be performing here at First Presbyterian on Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the red Wing Area Food Shelf.

LENTEN SUPPER will be served at our church on March 15 immediately following the worship service. Worship will be at 5:00 p.m. More information will be coming as to who to contact if you would like to help serve and/or bus tables.

Our days are happier when we give people a piece of our heart rather than our mind.



CLEARWATER FOREST CAMP: Calling all grade school students! Camp isn't just for middle and high school students—we have incredible programs for you, too! If you will be entering grades 3-6 in the 1017-2018 school year, then you are the perfect age to participate in one of our Discovery Camps! First Timers Camp is a great option for young campers who have never before spent a week away from home. This three night stay is a perfect introduction to camp that allows your child a safe and fun environment to grow in independence and Christian community. For those interested in a weeklong experience, we offer FIVE traditional Discovery camps and a brand new environmental camp called ECO camp! Please contact us at (218) 678-2325 or by emailing us at program@clearwaterforest.org to learn more.

