

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Come, O Lord and set us free;
Give your people peace.
Come, O Lord and set us free;
Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

*** 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	Justin Scheerer

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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

March 12, 2017—10:30 a.m.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God”. —Thomas Merton

PIANO PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy One, we gather this day,

All: and come as we are with our repenting hearts, with our persistent dreaming.

Leader: Accept all we bring before you today,

All: accept our worship we pray.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 79

“Kind Maker of the World”

(Prayer Request cards are collected by the Usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Gracious God, you are so patient with us. Day in and day out, you call us to wake up to our opportunity to bear fruit and yet.... Lord, you know our strengths and our shortcomings better than we do ourselves. Ever patient and merciful, forgive us our wrongdoings. Plant seeds of changes in our hearts. As we worship you this day, may your Word nourish us and strengthen us as we seek to be better followers of you. May we be buds of goodness and kindness, of light and of love. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the Good News.

People: God hears us always, and knows what we need even when we do not.

Leader: Receive assurance of the Lord’s absolution, put your trust in the new covenant promised and guaranteed to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 122 (read responsively)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”—Victor Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** “I’m Not Alone” (Insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Larger Catechism)

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby out of the sight and sense, not only of danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for, and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

(p. 16 in hymnal)

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: Via Dolorosa

***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: May all that we give,

All: be it our money or ourselves,

Leader: be used to heal and help, to repair and restore,

All: to comfort and care, to be your Church. Amen.

*** HYMN OF TRUST**

No. 538

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" 8 He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32 He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

**Happiness keeps you sweet,
Trials keep you strong,
Sorrows keep you human,
Failures keep you humble,
Success keeps you glowing,
But only GOD keeps you going.**

Psalm 122 (read responsively)

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'

² **Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

⁴ **To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'

⁸ **For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'**

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

GREETERS: Andree Dodson

USHER: Don Olson

FLOWERS: Carol Jensen in memory of Arlo

FELLOWSHIP: Sylvia & David Anderson

WEEKLY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for weekly Lenten worship services at 5:00 p.m. which will take place on the dates listed at the following churches:

March 15—First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Clay Oglebee

March 22—St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Father Tristan English

March 29—Christ Episcopal Church with Pastor Artie Sharot

April 5—First United Methodist with Pastor Kristen Schlauderaff

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

Proverbs 16:3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PREZ HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

TODAY, 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. -- Worship
11:30 a.m. – Fellowship
11:30 a.m. – Worship & Sacraments
Mon., 03/13, 10:00 a.m. – Coffee @ Mandy's Café
Tues., 03/14, 8:00 a.m. – Finance & Stewardship
9:30 a.m. – Presbyterian Women
6:55 p.m. – JuBELLation Ringers
Wed., 03/15, 6:15 a.m. – Men's Book Study
5:00 p.m. – **Lenten Service @First Presbyterian**
Thur., 03/16, 7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study @ St. James

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.

FLOWERS ON MARCH 5: The owners of Inspired Flowers were out of town last week. Apparently, there was some confusion in their absence which resulted in no delivery of flowers to FPC. Sue Huber will be choosing another date for flowers to make up for last Sunday's absence of altar flowers. Thank you all for your understanding.

FOOD SHELF NEWS: March is Food Shelf Month! March's goal is to collect 75 cans of assorted fruit and/or oatmeal. February's total was 62 tubes of toothpaste, 6 toothbrushes and 2 miscellaneous items. Please leave your food items or donations on the shelf in the lounge. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity in helping others in need!

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!

Lenten Bible Study

Join Pastor Heidi on Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 p.m. for a Bible Study on Jesus and Our Possessions.

Explore your connection with material things this Lent. The six-session adult study challenges participants to better understand God's provision for our needs. Together we will ponder our attachment to possessions; grapple with the question, "how much is enough?"; and explore the risks and consequences of being too attached to possessions. We will also reflect on the act of giving and discover how it can make a positive impact in our lives. Childcare will be provided.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

Spring Break can signal a lot of things to come: warmer weather, growing excitement for spending a week of camp at Clearwater Forest, and, if you're a college student, making sure you have a summer job lined up! However, if you are a college-aged student (or know one!) who is seeking more than just a "job", wants to have fun, grow in faith, learn a lot, and serve others, all while playing outside, please know that it is not too late to apply to be a part of the 2017 Clearwater Forest Staff! Visit www.clearwaterforest.org to apply online or contact Cassie Gabe at program@clearwaterforest.org to learn more.



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!

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Take time to do what makes your soul happy!