

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (see insert)

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	Brenda Hendrix

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.



SUNDAY
IN LENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

March 26, 2017—10:30 a.m.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“One cannot know Christ and not know the poor; to ignore the needy, the oppressed, and the helpless is to ignore Christ himself. Concern is feeling bad when you see something bad happen to someone else. Compassion, on the other hand, is seeing your brother's pain and believing that you cannot let him continue to suffer in that way.” -- Derek Engdahl

PIANO PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy One, we gather this day.

All: We come as we are seeking to bridge the gap, hoping to reach the unreachable.

Leader: Accept all we bring before you today.

All: Accept our worship we pray.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 76

“My Song Is Love Unknown ”

(Prayer Request cards are collected by the Usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Lord, God, we come before you knowing full well what it takes to be your people in the world; understanding the need to be tolerant and the call to be generous. Yet we are guilty of widening the chasms that separate us from you and from one another; of failing to encourage acceptance or acknowledge what life is like for those whose story is very different from our own. Forgive us for drifting far apart from your will for us and for questioning your purpose and our place within it. Soothe our wounds and those of others we hurt with your gentle grace. Send us from here to listen and to love so that your fractured world may begin to heal. 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 41 (read responsively)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“More Precious Than Silver”—by Lloyd Larson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 16:19-31

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** (Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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: Lord God, we may not be rich, we may not be poor,

All: we may not be as faithful as you would wish us to be, But we, and the gifts we offer today, are yours.

Leader: Bless them that they may reach the people and the places most in need. Bless especially our monthly offerings to the Red Wing food shelf.

All: Bless us that in our service we may defy boundaries to meet you on the other side. Amen.

*** HYMN OF TRUST**

No. 435

“We All Are One in Mission”

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

JOIN US at the Mississippi Shuffle Kick Off Ice Cream Social on April 10, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church of Red Wing. Stop by with your family, friends, and teammates to kick off the fight against cancer in Red Wing! Whether you're a brand new team or a team that's participated for 20 years, we'd love for you to stop by. Team Captain kits will be available for pickup, so be sure to send a team representative. Please RSVP to Eric Noll at eric.noll@cancer.org or 507.424.4604 so we are able to plan accordingly and be sure to sign your team up at www.relayforlife.org/redwingmn

**Only God can turn a MESS into a message,
a TEST into a testimony,
a TRIAL into a triumph,
a VICTIM into a victory.**

Psalm 41 (Read responsively)

- ¹ Happy are those who consider the poor;
the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.
- ² **The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.
You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.**
- ³ The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.
- ⁴ **As for me, I said, 'O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'**
- ⁵ My enemies wonder in malice
when I will die, and my name perish.
- ⁶ **And when they come to see me, they utter empty words,
while their hearts gather mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.**
- ⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
- ⁸ **They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,
that I will not rise again from where I lie.**
- ⁹ Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.
- ¹⁰ **But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them.**
- ¹¹ By this I know that you are pleased with me;
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.
- ¹² **But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence for ever.**
- ¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

GREETERS: Dolores Rootes

USHER: Doug Fryer

FLOWERS: Eleanor griffin in celebration of Eleanor and Emily's birthdays

FELLOWSHIP: Edie and Corinne Williams

"If you kneel before God, you can stand before any man."—Anonymous

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. —Christian Education Committee
Mon., 03/27, 10:00 a.m.—Coffee @ Mandy’s Café
Tues., 03/28, 6:55 p.m.—JuBELLation Ringers
Wed., 03/29, 6:15 a.m. – Men’s Book Study
5:00 p.m. – **Lenten Service @Christ Episcopal Church**
Thur., 03/30, 7:30 a.m.—Women’s Book Study @ St. James

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.

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!

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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ON PALM SUNDAY, April 9, First Presbyterian Church will be collecting the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. One Great Hour of Sharing supports three programs providing hope to those in need. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of people program, your donation truly helps those in need.

COMMUNITY DINNER: On April 9, First Presbyterian Church will be providing the Community Dinner at First United Methodist Church. The Community Dinner was formerly known as “Loaves and Fishes”. A sign up list is available to provide food, volunteer to help serve, or to donate your time or money.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY!

Friends and family Day is Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come spend the day exploring camp, meeting the staff, playing on the lake, and experiencing the high ropes course. You will also get the chance to assist us in the commissioning of summer staff during worship at 1:00 p.m. Have a first-time camper? This is a great time to tour camp, ask questions, and alleviate any concerns your camper may have! We will also be able to assist in registering your camper for camp!



“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and he shall direct thy paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

