

ANTHEM "Count On Me" The Young Disciples

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Timothy 4: 11-16

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Aidan Coyle, David Scheerer, Justin Scheerer

***SONG** "12 Disciples" (words are listed below)

There were twelve disciples Jesus called to him:
Simon Peter, Andrew, James, his brother John,
Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus,
Thaddeus, Simon, Judas, and Bartholomew.

He has called us, too. He has called us, too.
We are His disciples, I am one and you!
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Abigail Schmaltz, Georgia Schmaltz

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

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

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: Luanna Martin

***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** Luanna Martin

One: Lord we give to you today what is already yours.
You provide so much for us, blessings pressed down,
Shaken together, running over.

Many: **Thank you for giving us the ability to give, and cheerful hearts to do it. Amen.**

READING: Balloons Belong in Church

Hannah Coyle, Jessica Scheerer, The Young Disciples

PASSING OF THE PEACE



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

May 21, 2017—10:30 a.m.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Where did we get the idea that balloons don't belong in church? Where did we get the idea that God loves gray and sh-h-h-h and drab and anything will do? I think it's blasphemy not to appreciate the joy in God's world. I think it's blasphemy not to bring our joy into God's church. For God so loved the world that Christ hung there loving the unlovable. ---Ann Weems

PRELUDE Kingsley Alsop and Georgia Schmaltz

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Amara Smith

One: Let us worship the Lord,

Many: **who came not as a king but as a babe.**

One: Let us worship the Lord,

Many: **who said, "Let the little children come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the kingdom of God."**

***SONG** “This is the Day” (words are listed below)

This is the day **(Repeat)**

That the Lord has made **(Repeat)**

We will rejoice **(Repeat)**

And be glad in it **(Repeat)**

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it

This the day **(Repeat)**

That the Lord has made

(Prayer Request cards are collected by the Usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Sophia Bolt and Kingsley Alsop

One: O Lord, we’re playing Pharisee again,

**Many: more interested in the Sunday morning count
than in the feeding of your sheep,
more interested in the stars for our crowns
than in that cup of cold water.
More interested in tradition and appearance
than in the following of our Lord.**

One: O Jesus, you were real

**Many: and we made you saccharine and hung you on the
church school wall and told all the little children you
wanted them to sit still.**

One: O Jesus, you were here and now

**Many: and we made you something in the sweet by and by
and told all the people in need to see you in heaven.**

One: O Jesus, you walked in our shoes in our marketplace

**Many: and we told you to stay in your sandals,
in a faraway place, in a long ago time,
stay back in the Bible.**

One: O Jesus, we made you a baby that didn’t cry,

**Many: we made you a boy with good manners,
we made you a man, sweet and gentle.**

One: We tossed you pennies,

Many: then told you how to spend them.

One: We built you temples,

Many: then told you who could enter them.

One: We made you wood and plastic and concrete

Many: and locked you in the church.

One: We made you a goody-goody god

**Many: and stood before the world with joyless faces
and pointing fingers and tsk-tsk-tsk cold voices,
declaring thou-shalt-nots.**

One: O Lord! We paid no attention to Who You Are: the Lord of Life!

**Many: This morning we would come as children – humble, innocent,
spontaneous, and trusting. We come, your children, ready to
hear the possibility of your Word. Amen.**

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Alana Smith and Marianna Martin

One: You represent a stream of experience.

One: Your stream is holy, a source of strength.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: You represent a stream of uniqueness.

One: Your stream is holy, a source of insight.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: You represent a stream of wisdom.

One: You represent a source of faith.

Many: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

READING: What Do We Want to Tell the Children?

Jennifer Beck, Becky Norton, Missy Phillips, Kai Rodgers

READING: Cough Drops in Church Karen Grewe and Betsy Foster

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9: 2,6 Kylie Griffin

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

***SONG** “We are The Sparks” (words are listed below)

We are The Sparks and we’re here to sing God’s praise **(Repeat)**
Because God loves us in so many, many ways
We’re Singin’:
Hey, Hey Sing it Loud! Sing, Sing, Alle-Alle-luia **(Repeat)**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** Betsy Foster

* The congregation may stand.

“Readings and liturgy today are from Reaching for Rainbows: Resources for Creative Worship by Ann Weems.”

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	Hannah Coyle

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.

GREETERS: Andree Dodson

USHER: Youth Ushers

FLOWERS: Richard Scheerer in honor of Nancy's 75th birthday

FELLOWSHIP: Christian Education Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PREZ HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

TODAY, 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

11:30 a.m. – Fellowship

Mon., 05/22, 10:00 a.m.—Coffee @ Mandy's Café

11:00 a.m. –Memorial Service for John Thomas

Wed., 05/24, 6:15 a.m. – Men's Book Study

5:30 p.m. – C. E. Cmte. (Dinner at 5:00 preceding meeting)

Thur., 05/25, 7:30 a.m.—Women's Book Study @ St. James

Sat., 05/27, 11:00 a.m. –Memorial Service for Catherine Ullrich

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—Beginning next Sunday, May 28, the worship service begins at **9:30 a.m.** We will worship at this hour every Sunday through September 3 (Labor Day weekend).

Please join us next Sunday for Graduate Recognition!

May 28 — Graduation Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our graduating seniors:

Shelby Chalmers Maggie Engnes Anna Kohlhofer Emma Krajna
Nina Kriese Anika Nybo Kolbey Wiles

Congratulations Graduates!

DVD SERIES: If anyone has a DVD series to loan Lucas Martin, he would appreciate it as his Netflix is not working. Please email Julie Martin at chalmersmartin@msn.com. Thank you!

REMINDER: The **deadline** for articles for the PresBits June/July issue is Tuesday, May 23 at **noon**.

Food Shelf News

May's goal is to collect 75 cans of assorted fruit. Please be generous and help others have healthy meals. The cans of food items and/or financial donations may be left on the shelf in the lounge. Thank you for your help, support and generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! On Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m., the annual "spring cleaning" of the church grounds will take place. Come help clean up, spruce up, and have fun with your friends!

SPECIAL OFFERING: The annual PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING will be taken on June 4th. The offering supports local, national and international programs that address youth and youth at risk. Forty percent of the offering remains local. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

1 Timothy 4: 11-16

¹¹ These are the things you must insist on and teach. ¹² Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵ Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.