

Sharing the Sacrament

(You are invited to come forward and receive a piece of gluten free bread and dip it into the cup. The servers will say “the Bread of Heaven” or “the Cup of Salvation.”)

Prayer After Communion

One: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service.

Many: Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF TRUST** Hymn #394 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you (Tune: No. 535)

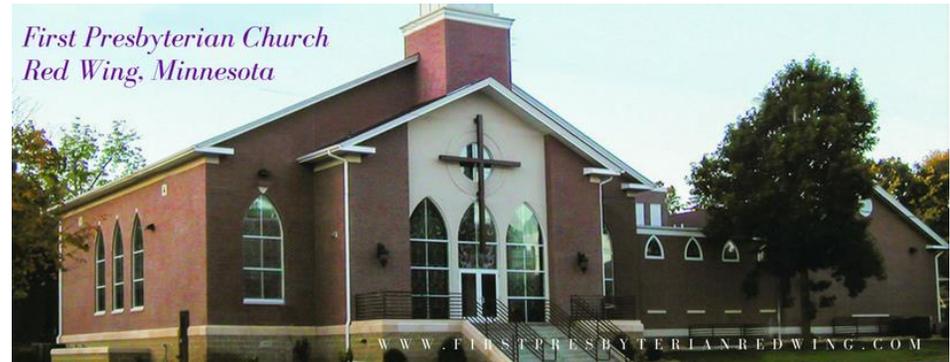
*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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

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| 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 | John Plehal |



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

July 2, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

“The world breaks everyone, and afterward, many are strong at the broken places.” - Ernest Hemingway

PIANO PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In a world ravaged by war; In a city undermined by racism; In homes tormented with apathy, anger, and frenetic pace; We cry:

Many: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

One: Our schedules offer testimony To our frantic search for meaning; Getting ahead, getting healthy, getting religion.

Many: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; And by night, but you do not answer.

One: Slow us down, loving God. Let us be still in your presence.

Many: Yet you are holy. In you our ancestors trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved. In you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #363 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

Many: **Happy are we, God's own, because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

Hymn #576 "Gloria, Gloria"

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mathew 7:7-11 (read responsively)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Loren Wolf

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 69:1-16

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Greg Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE**

Hymn #168 "Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the

third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(p. 16 in hymnal)

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn #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**

One: We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference.

Many: **May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Words of Institution

Mathew 7:7-11 (read responsively)

7 "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?

10 Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake?

Psalms 69:1-16

¹ Save me, O God,
for the waters have come up to my neck.

² I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.

³ I am weary with my crying;
my throat is parched.

My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.

⁴ More in number than the hairs of my head
are those who hate me without cause;
many are those who would destroy me,
my enemies who accuse me falsely.

What I did not steal
must I now restore?

⁵ O God, you know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

⁶ Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me,
O Lord God of hosts;
do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me,
O God of Israel.

⁷ It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

⁹ It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰ When I humbled my soul with fasting,^[a]
they insulted me for doing so.

¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

¹² I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

With your faithful help ¹⁴ rescue me
from sinking in the mire;

let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.

¹⁵ Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

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 10:30 a.m. outside the Servery (main floor).

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

GREETERS: OPEN (contact Bonnie Lohman)

USHER: OPEN (contact Susan Crocker)

FLOWERS: OPEN (sign-up available at kiosk in entryway)

FELLOWSHIP: Don and Marilyn Olson

WE NEED A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY! The Fellowship and Membership Committee is seeking a volunteer to help with a new photo directory in October. There will be detailed instructions given and lots of helpers but we need point person to keep us on task. Would you consider helping us to create an updated photo directory?

FOOD SHELF NEWS: In June, we collected 21 bottles of syrup and 5 cans of fruit. Your generosity helps others have healthy meals. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PREZ HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

TODAY, 9:30 a.m. – Worship
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
Mon., 07/03, 10:00 a.m. – Coffee @Mandy’s Café
6:30 p.m. – Church Softball
Tues., 07/04, OFFICE CLOSED
Wed., 07/05, 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Book Study
Thur., 06/29, 7:30 a.m. – Women’s Book Study @ St. James

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL ORDER FORM: An order form for the new “Glory to God” hymnals is included as an insert with today’s bulletin. Each hymnal costs \$20.00 and may be donated in memory of, in honor of, or in dedication to someone. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church Red Wing and write “Hymnal Fund” on the memo line. This hymnal contains many of the old hymns we sing along with some new ones.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC, Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. — Mark your calendars! The annual All-Church Picnic will be on Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will once again hold the picnic at shelter #5 at Colvill Park. The Fellowship & Membership Committee. will provide brats, hotdogs, buns, condiments and lemonade. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Also, please bring your own plates, utensils, lawn chairs and lawn games (if you have any you would like to play). There will be a basket for free-will offerings to help defray costs.

DESSERT & HYMNS, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join us July 12 at 6:30 p.m. to learn from Rev. Adam J. Copeland, member of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, about the new Glory to God Hymnal, we are purchasing this summer. There will be dessert, singing, and a time for questions.

Flat Jesus

Take him with you and show us where you go.
Send pictures to photos@firstpresbyterianredwing.com

