

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
Liturgist	David Oakes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

TODAY, 8:00 a.m. – Church in the Park
9:30 a.m. – Worship
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
MON, 07/24, 10:00 a.m. – Coffee at Mandy's Café
WED, 07/26, 6:30 a.m. – Men's Book Study
THURS, 07/27, 7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study at St. James

GREETERS: Bit Skaar
USHER: Mark Fairbairn
FLOWERS: In Celebration of Sylvia Anderson's Birthday
FELLOWSHIP: JoAnne McNamara

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: Mark your calendars! Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. —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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

July 23, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

The varied and resplendid riches which are contained in this treasury it is no easy matter to express in words; so much so, that I well know that whatever I shall be able to say will be far from approaching the excellence of the subject. But as it is better to give to my readers some taste, however small, of the wonderful advantages they will derive from the study of this book, than to be entirely silent on the point, I may be permitted briefly to advert to a matter, the greatness of which does not admit of being fully unfolded. I have been accustomed to call this book, I think not inappropriately, "An Anatomy of all the Parts of the Soul;" for there is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror.

John Calvin - Intro to his commentary on the Psalms

ORGAN PRELUDE "Let All Together Praise Our God"—R. Powell
"Prelude"—J.C. Beckel

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth--

Many: for God keeps faith forever!

One: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**Many: God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

One: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**Many: God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

One: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

Many: for God keeps faith forever!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #485 “To God be the Glory”
(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creating God, you have given humanity the privilege of living in a world created in love and joy, and blessed us with the ever-present reality of your ageless promises. Individually and collectively, we come together in worship of our Glorious God; and to offer our praise and thankfulness. Our lives are blessed in so many ways, and yet, we accept these gifts from God as our right and privilege. Generous God, we know however, that not all people enjoy these good gifts from God, and that many people are often cold, hungry or in need of shelter. We confess that often we have failed to even recognize the pain, the needs and distress of other people. Even as we praise you Merciful God, forgive us of our sin of being neglectful. In trust and hope, we confess our sinfulness and seek God’s pardon and mercy. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless.

**Many: Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace,
and mercy. Enter into the light! Amen**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** Hymn #576 “Gloria, Gloria”
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 7:18-23 (read responsively)

SPECIAL MUSIC

David Melbye

“Thou Hidden Love of God, Whose Height”

“When Jesus Comes In Glory”

INVOCATION

David Melbye

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 146

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE**

Hymn #253 “I’ll Praise My Maker”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH excerpt from the Westminster Confession of Faith

The light of nature showeth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and doeth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might.

The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear; the sound preaching, and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God with understanding, faith, and reverence; singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as, also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ; are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God.

Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable by, any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshipped everywhere in spirit and in truth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Response

Hymnal p. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “We Plow the Fields, and Scatter” David Melbye

***Doxology** Hymn #591

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

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 offerings of these gifts and the offerings of our lives. Amen

***HYMN OF TRUST** Hymn #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

***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: Hymn #535)

***POSTLUDE** "Grand Choeur"--G. Young

Luke 7:18-23 (read responsively)

18 The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹ and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²⁰ **When 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?'"** ²¹ Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²² **And 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.** ²³ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Psalm 146

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
- 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 forever;
- 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 forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

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.

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 a point person to keep us on task. Would you consider helping us to create an updated photo directory?

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.

FOOD SHELF NEWS: Our goal in July is to collect 50 boxes of oatmeal. Your generosity helps others have healthy meals. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others!

REMINDER: The next Deacon meeting will be Tuesday, August 1st at 5:30 p.m.

DAVID MELBYE'S GRANDFATHER: Gerhard Theodore Alexis (1889-1927) Alexis dedicated his life to the music of the church as an organist, composer, arranger, singer and choral conductor. He traveled America and Sweden with three of his four brothers as the Alexis Male Quartet. In 1916, he accepted the position of organist and choirmaster at First Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he and his wife, Olga, raised their three children. He also served as a professor of music, taught privately, and performed publicly throughout the American Midwest as an organist and singer. He was a member of the St. Paul Federation of Lutheran Brotherhood's Male Quartet, and was a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists.

Flat Jesus

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



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