

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament

(Please partake of the elements as they come to you. Pass the tray to your neighbor with the words, "the Bread of Heaven" or "the Cup of Salvation.")

Prayer After Communion

Leader: God of grace, you restore us at your table with the bread of life.

People: May this food strengthen us in love and open our eyes to see you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF TRUST** Hymn #432 "Song of Hope" (sung twice)

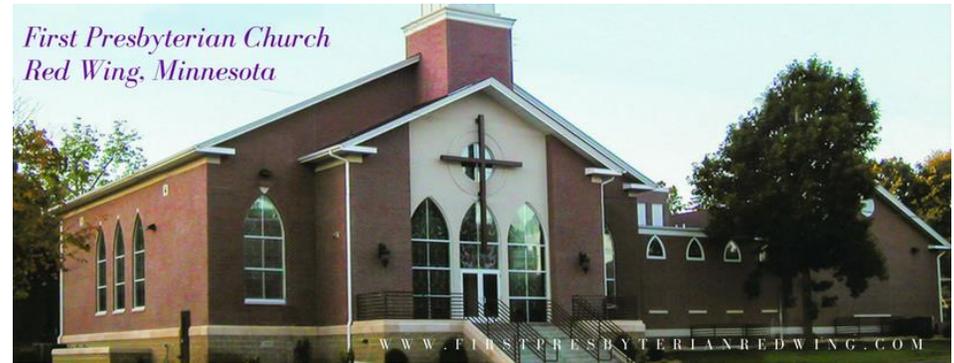
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***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**

The Urban Youth Mission Team (William Beck, Aidan Coyle, Hannah Coyle, David Scheerer, Justin Scheerer, Greg Bolt, Becky Norton, and Kai Rodgers) would like to thank all who made this life changing experience possible through your prayers, love, and donations.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

August 6, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

PIANO PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,

Many: Christ is coming to make all things new.

One: In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,

Many: Christ is coming to make all things new.

One: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love,

Many: Christ is coming to make all things new.

One: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen,

Many: Christ is coming to make all things new.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #280 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Verse 1-4

(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (based on Romans 12:1-8)

Merciful God, We confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by Your call. We confess how often we think of our own interests first—more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others. We confess that we have not always treated one another as valued members of Your Body, the Church; that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. We confess that we do not always acknowledge You as Lord, trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: It's not money, but our generosity with it;
it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;
it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift,
which transforms us into God's children.

Many: It is more than just how we think.

**In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits
are transfigured and made new.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

Hymn #576 “Gloria, Gloria”

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 103:1-14 *(read responsively)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kirsten Ford

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Urban Youth Mission Team

***HYMN OF HOPE** “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” (insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (excerpt from , Confession of Belhar, 10.3)
“We believe that that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Response

Hymnal p. 16

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: In deep gratitude for all that You have done for us, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You -- living sacrifices of worship and praise.

**Many: Transform our hearts and minds from the inside out;
show us what is good and pleasing in Your sight,
so that we may be quick to recognize Your call,
and quick to respond.**

In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and Lord, Amen.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Psalm 103:1-14 (*read responsively*)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live^[a]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴ **For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

Romans 12:1-14

The New Life in Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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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 August is to collect 50 jars of peanut butter. Your generosity helps others have healthy meals. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others!

MEETING REMINDERS: The Finance & Stewardship meeting with New Covenant Rep. Tim Clark is Tuesday, August 8 at 8:00 a.m. The Presbytery Women will meet Tuesday, August 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Bay Point Park. This is primarily fellowship, but there is an important decision to be made regarding 2018's lesson guide. Joyce Krajna is hostess. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If God has given you the gifts of empathy, compassion, and listening, volunteering to walk alongside people at the end-of-life might be a perfect way for you to serve others. If you would like to become a St. Croix Hospice volunteer, contact Marcia at 507-281-5700.

REMINDER: When leaving through the main front doors, please double check to be sure it has closed all the way and is locked.

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	Justin Scheerer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

TODAY,	9:30 a.m. – Worship
	10:30 a.m. – Fellowship (upstairs in Servery)
MON, 08/07,	9:00 a.m. -- Building & Grounds Comm. Meeting
	10:00 a.m. – Coffee at Mandy's Café
TUES, 08/08,	8:00 a.m. – Finance & Stewardship Meeting
	9:30 a.m. – Presbyterian Women Meeting
	5:30 p.m. – The Gospel According to Marvel
WED, 08/09,	6:30 a.m. – Men's Book Study
	6:30 p.m. – Waking Up White Bible Study
THURS, 08/10,	7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study at St. James

GREETERS: Dorothy Kraft
USHER: Scott Halverson
FLOWERS: In Memory of Norman E. Frink
FELLOWSHIP: Jack and Kay Strobel

THE DEACONS OFFERING (formerly known as the "Loose Change" offering) collected today will be donated to the Deacons to support their ministry. Bills and/or change are appreciated. *Thank you!*

SUMMER BEACH PARTY: Mark your calendars! Thursday, August 17 beginning at 4 p.m. – The 2nd Annual Summer Beach Party! It will be held at the Schmaltz/Beck residence at 31577 Lakeview Ave. Wacouta Beach. Bring lawn chairs. Also bring water shoes, life jackets, or any water toys or games you'd like to bring. Pulled pork provided, but BYOB and a dish to share (salad, fruit, chips, desserts). RSVP to Jennifer Beck at 651-301-1093 or jab.jennifer@yahoo.com

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