

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	Bob McCaughy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

TODAY,	9:30 a.m. – Worship
	10:30 a.m. – Fellowship
	10:45 a.m. – Waking Up White Bible Study
MON, 08/21,	10:00 a.m. – Coffee at Mandy's Café
TUES, 08/22	5:30 p.m. – The Gospel According to Marvel
	6:55 p.m. – JuBELLation Ringers
WED, 08/23,	6:30 a.m. – Men's Book Study
	6:30 p.m. – Waking Up White Bible Study
THURS, 08/24,	7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study at St. James

GREETERS: Barb Tittle
USHER: Brian & Pam Paulus
FLOWERS: Susan Crocker Celebrating Grandson's 4th Birthday
FELLOWSHIP: Richard & Nancy Scheerer



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

August 20, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"The biggest problem with America's idea of racial categories is that they're not just categories: They've been used to imply a hierarchy born of nature. Regardless of how racial categories came into being, Americans have been cast in racial roles that have the power to become selffulfilling, self-perpetuating prophecies." --Debby Irving (Waking Up White p. 41)

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"--F. Linley

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey—Setting, R. Powell

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord God, you are a redeeming God.

Many: It is not your desire that any of your children should suffer.

One: You hear their cries and you come from heaven to save.

Many: As we gather to remember your saving purposes for all who are oppressed,

One: Give us minds, hearts and wills to hear your word to us, and then to live it.

Many: We pray this in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #454 “Blessed Jesus, at Your World”
(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: By Christ’s work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News.

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 3:23-29 (read responsively)

SPECIAL MUSIC “Pachelbel’s Canon”—J. Pachelbel
Peggy Thompson and Mary Ellen Halverson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Kings 10:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Greg Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** #419 “How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Book of Confessions, Confession of Belhar, 10.3)
We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that

anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal p. 16

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Loure”—Arr. T. Birchwood

***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.

***HYMN OF TRUST** Hymn #420 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

***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** “God of Grace and God of Glory”—Setting, J. Weber

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Galatians 3:23-29 *(read responsively)*

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ **Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.** ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ **for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.** ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.** ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

1 Kings 10: 1-13

When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon (fame due to the name of the LORD), she came to test him with hard questions. ² She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. ³ Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. ⁴ When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵ the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

⁶ So she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, ⁷ but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. ⁸ Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness." ¹⁰ Then she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

¹¹ Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. ¹² From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.

¹³ Meanwhile King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal

THE JUBELLATION RINGERS begin practice on Tuesday, August 22 at 6:55 PM!!! Come ring with us. We'll teach you techniques but it's a good idea to have knowledge of reading music. We will be playing in church the second Sunday of every month.

For more information, contact Mary Ellen Halverson at 651 388-7066 or mary_ellen_halverson@yahoo.com



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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 Kelly 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!

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. St. Croix Hospice is looking for dedicated volunteers who can provide comforting companionship and support to people affected by a life-limiting illness. If you would like to become a St. Croix Hospice volunteer, please contact Marcia at 507-281-5700.

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT NEEDED for 16-year-old male.

Hours: 3:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Days: 1-5 days per week. (We can work around your schedule).

Starting Pay: \$13.00 per hour

Call: Julie at 651-301-0227

*** Rally Sunday Save the Date! ***

Celebrating the Beginning



Sunday, September 10th

Craft Fair & Bake Sale Bingo!

Sunday School Resumes

Cook-Out

Bouncy House

Bread for the World
Letter Writing Campaign

RALLY SUNDAY – SEPT. 10TH HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- 1) Create, Make, or Bake items for our Craft Fair & Bake Sale! Bring items in the week before or morning of the event.
- 2) Donate prizes for Bingo and other activities. Ideas include gift cards, books, art supplies, or any other random fun things (for kids and adults)! Leave items in the church office or in the Christian Ed Mailbox outside the office.
- 3) Help out by:
 - a. Setting up the week of the event
 - b. Cleaning up after the event
 - c. Grilling up some burgers for lunch
 - d. Being a Bingo Caller
 - e. Helping oversee our Rally Mission project that morning
 - f. Manning the Bouncy House

Please let Jennifer Beck know if you're able to help! 651-301-1093 or jab.jennifer@yahoo.com

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