

***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.**
Amen.

***HYMN OF TRUST**

Hymn #427

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

***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**

“Tumpet Processional”—A. Fedak

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	Brenda Hendrix

GREETERS: Marge Frost
 USHER: Elliott Mann
 FLOWERS: In Memory of Betty Erickson by Tom Erickson & Betty Beck
 FELLOWSHIP: Pam Paulus



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

August 27, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

It's funny: I always imagined when I was a kid that adults had some kind of inner toolbox full of shiny tools: the saw of discernment, the hammer of wisdom, the sandpaper of patience. But then when I grew up I found that life handed you these rusty bent old tools - friendships, prayer, conscience, honesty - and said 'do the best you can with these, they will have to do'. And mostly, against all odds, they do.” Anne Lamott

PIANO PRELUDE

“He Keeps Me Singing”—M. Hayes

“O Happy Day”—Arranged by T. Smith

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” – Arranged by M. McDonald

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name.

Many: **We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.**

One: Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds

Many: **so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your way.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #469 “Morning Has Broken”

(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Grace, you call us to be different from the world, but the world is seductive, and so we come here to be strengthened. God of Vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life, different priorities, different loyalties, different values. But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful, and so we are drawn in to following its priorities, accepting its values, showing loyalty to its gods. God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, forgive us when we lose sight of these qualities, when we misunderstand their role in the world.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Rejoice and be glad! God is gracious and God offer blessings.

Many: **God calls us to life in the world, God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision.**

One: We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.

Many: **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

Psalm 138 *(read responsively)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Who Will Be a Witness”—D. Moore
David Hulse

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** “God with Joy We Look Around Us” to the tune of #22

God, with joy we look around us

At your world's diversity.

Folk of every kind surround us

And you call your church to see:

All are made in your own image!

All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other,

Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.

Hating sister, cursing brother,

We've denied what you express:

All are made in your own image!

All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us,

Breaking walls that would divide.

By your Spirit, now work through us

As we witness side by side:

All are made in your own image!

All are people whom you love!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Excerpt from Confession of Belhar)

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Response

Hymnal p. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”—Setting, J. Weber

***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.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Psalm 138 *(read responsively)*

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Romans 12: 1-8

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.

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, 08/28,	10:00 a.m. – Coffee at Mandy's Café
TUES, 08/29	5:30 p.m. – The Gospel According to Marvel
	6:55 p.m. – JuBELLation Ringers
WED, 08/30,	6:30 a.m. – Men's Book Study
	6:30 p.m. – Waking Up White Bible Study
THURS, 08/31,	7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study at St. James

*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 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.

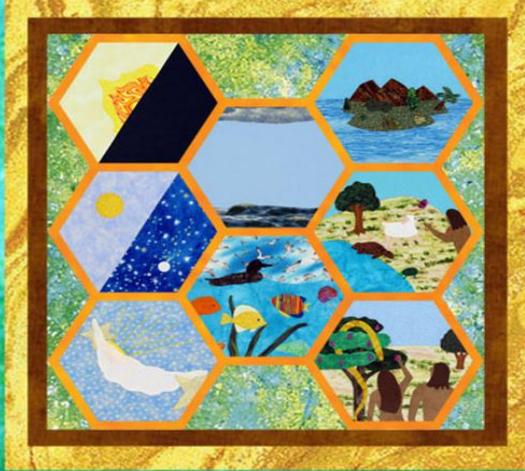
Days: 1-5 days per week. (We can work around your schedule).

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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