

**The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.**

**RECEIVING REPORTS:** Clerk's Report, Session Committees, Deacons, Presbyterian Women

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 11

Response

**WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by V. Collinsworth

**\*Doxology** Hymn #606

**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:** Light of the world, shine upon us this day, renew our commitment to being light bearers.

**Many:** Receive our offerings which the church will use to continue to spread your light here at home and further afield. Amen.

**RECEIVING REPORTS:** Treasurer's Report, Budget

**\*HYMN OF TRUST**

Hymn #749 "Come! Live in the Light!"

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** #155 "Raise a Song of Gladness"

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.**

**Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.**

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**\*POSTLUDE** "March of the Kings" by R. Thygerson

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## WORDS OF INSPIRATION

But life is never a material, a substance to be molded. If you want to know, life is the principle of self-renewal, it is constantly renewing and remaking and changing and transfiguring itself, it is infinitely beyond your or my obtuse theories about it."

— Boris Pasternak, Doctor Zhivago

**ORGAN PRELUDE** "You Servants of God" setting Robert Powell  
"I saw Three Ships" by Dale Wood  
"Trumpet Voluntary" by Francis Linley

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO ORDER

## PASTOR'S REPORT, APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather and turn, turn towards the light.

**Many: Let us gather and turn, turn towards each other.**

One: Let us gather and turn, turn towards God.

**Many: And be reborn, renewed, renamed, as God's children.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn #774 "There Is Now a New Creation"

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, maker of heaven and earth, you sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to reveal the true light, the true way, for us to be saved. For centuries the church has tried to filter your light through different lenses, through different traditions, through different understandings of what it means to be saved. Forgive us Lord, we are fickle people, slow to learn and even slower to change, help us turn back to the light that shines in Jesus, that guides our way. Forgive us Lord, for hiding the light in doctrine and theology and failing to let the light shine brightly for all people. Lord, help us to choose to follow the light wherever it may lead us, and to share the light with all people. So be it. Amen.**

## \*SILENT PRAYER

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God's mercy for us.

**Many: Let us rejoice that we have received forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## \*PRAYER RESPONSE

Hymn #137 "He Came Down"

## A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## SONG OF PREPARATION

"When I Behold the Son" (insert)

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 139:13-18

## CHOIR ANTHEM

"It is Well With My Soul" (Insert)

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:1-21

One: The Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

**Rev. Heidi Bolt**

## \*HYMN OF HOPE

Hymn #490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"


## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Confession OF 1967)

**The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death.** (over)

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**FOOD SHELF** - Our goal in January is to collect 75 boxes of Tuna/Hamburger Helper. Your generosity helps others have healthy meals. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others!

**Bells of the Bluffs** –Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 at First Presbyterian Church Red Wing. A Concert of Valuntine’s Music by the Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble Special Appearance by the juBELLation Ringers. 1:00 p.m. Auction 2:00 p.m. – Concert- Followed by Sweet Treats. 

## It is Well With My Soul

by Mary McDonald



When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
 Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control;  
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
 And has shed his own blood for my soul!  
 My sin – O, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
 My sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross  
 And I bear it no more,  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
 The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
 “Even so,” It is well with my soul!  
 It is well, it is well with my soul, with my soul,  
 It is well, it is well with my soul!

### PARTICIPANTS

In Ministry  
 Choir Director  
 Pianist  
 Organist  
 Pastor  
 Pastor  
 Liturgist

The Congregation  
 Peter Dulak  
 Lynn Dulak  
 JoAnne McNamara  
 The Rev. Heidi Bolt  
 The Rev. Greg Bolt  
 Brenda Hendrix

GREETER: Bit Skaar  
 USHER: David & Sylvia Anderson  
 FELLOWSHIP: Dorothy Kraft & Darlene Hudson  
 FLOWERS: JoAnne McNamara

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THIS WEEK’S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

TODAY,	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
MON, 1/29,	10:00 a.m.	Coffee at Mandy’s Café
TUES, 1/30,	6:55 p.m.	JuBELLation Ringers
WED, 1/31,	6:30 a.m.	Men’s Book Study
THURS, 2/01,	7:30 a.m.	Women’s Book Study
	8:00 a.m.	Building & Grounds

## Volunteers Needed

If you are able to help out on Sunday mornings by either being an usher, greeter, fellowship host or liturgist please contact the following:

<b>Ushers</b> Susan Crocker (Usher Coordinator)	<b>Liturgist</b> Chris Rayner (Liturgist Coordinator)
<b>Greeter</b> Bonnie Lohmann (Greeter Coordinator)	<b>Fellowship Host</b> Marylin Olson (Fellowship Host Coordinator) or on Kiosk

# When I Behold the Son

J. L. Salt(er)

When I be - hold the Son, the Lamb of God, my  
Je - sus said we must all be born a - gain. "But  
heart wants to sing, "O Lord of ev - 'ry - thing,  
how can this be?" said Nic - o - de - mus then.  
change me like you changed the wa - ter in - to wine.  
God so loved the world he gave his Son to die.  
Fill me with light so I'll be yours for all time!"  
Be - lieve in him and you'll have e - ter - nal life!

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