

situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds. Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Response

Hymnal p. 11

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "This Is My Father's World" arr., C. McMichael

***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: Holy one, all that we have is yours,

Many: Accept our monetary offerings, may they be a sign and symbol of all that we offer this day.

One: Lord, we offer our hearts, minds and spirits,

Many: So that your kingdom may increase and that your word can be shared in every corner of the world. Amen.

***HYMN OF TRUST** Hymn #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

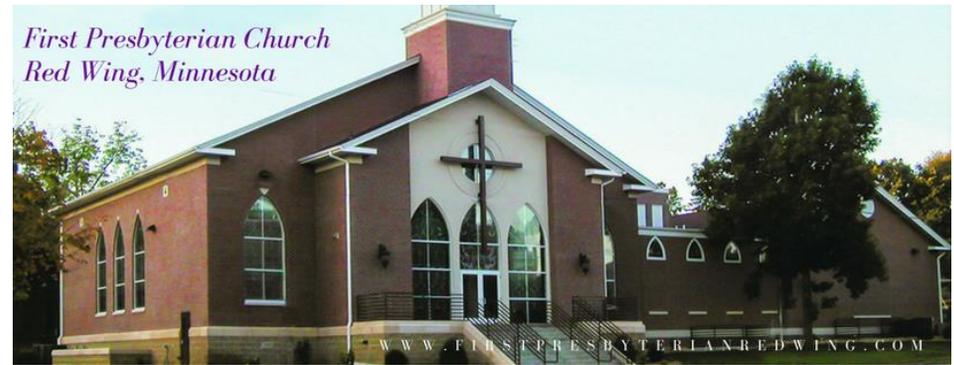
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** #540 "Farewell, Good Friends!"

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

***POSTLUDE**

A Mighty Fortress" setting, J. Reuss



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

October 29, 2017—10:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples. And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them." — Robert Benson

ORGAN PRELUDE "Fanfare on Ein FesteBurg" by R. R. Rayburn,

"Psalm 100" by J. Knecht

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!" setting, J. Weber

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We remember, O God...

Many: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

One: We remember, O God...

Many: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

One: We remember, O God...

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Many: **The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, O God...

Many: **The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Many: **Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #67 "My Song Forever Shall Record"
(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

If we have placed our only hope in the things we can see and touch, and have denied ourselves, or those close to us, Lord have mercy.

If we have chosen to nurse our grief for the loss of dear ones with the bitterness of those who weep without hope or faith in your saving love, Christ have mercy.

If we put the saints on pious pedestals, and restrict ourselves to a diminished respect for our own capacity to grow in the knowledge and love of God, Lord have mercy.

God of love, we thank you for your patience.

You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us, and have given us the word that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is; yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn and sluggish in our efforts. We repent this our lack of faith and love, and ask that the love of Jesus Christ which so healed and uplifted the saints, may mercifully deal with our sins and empower our renewed good intentions. Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Lord is quick to forgive and eager to grant second chances. Take comfort that God is merciful, and never failing in compassion. You are forgiven. Proclaim it, rejoice in it, and live it.

Many: **Hallelujah! In the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

Hymn #399 "God Welcomes All"

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SPARKS CHOIR "I'm gonna live so God can use me"

SONG OF PREPARATION "Lord, Speak to Me" (see insert)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 12: 1-2

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Intermezzo Sinfonico" by P. Mascagni

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 8: 1-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

***HYMN OF HOPE** Hymn #325 "By All Your Saints Still Striving"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Companion to the Book of Common Worship)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs". It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud. It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate

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 11:30 a.m. downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS: Blue Prayer Request cards may be completed and given to an usher or placed in the basket at the Sanctuary door.

FOOD SHELF NEWS: Our goal in October is to collect 75 cans of baked beans. Your generosity helps others have healthy meals. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others!

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

COMMUNITY DINNER: On November 12 First Presbyterian Church will be providing the Community Dinner at First Methodist. The Community Dinner was formerly known as "Loaves and Fishes" A sign up list will be available on October 29. Please consider how you can contribute to the Dinner. Options include offering to provide food, volunteering to help serve, and donating your time or money.

PERSONALIZED WORSHIP SERVICES: on your mobile device. Bulletins are now available on the church's website, firstpresbyterianredwing.com. Through Wifi (FPC Public), you can use your tablet or other mobile device during the service to participate in worship. You can adjust the type size and other settings to your preferences. Please make sure the sound is turned down if you plan to go mobile.

EVENTS: The public is invited to come hear Alan Anderson, a sought after speaker on the science of climate change, and member of Citizens' Climate Lobby – Northfield, Monday, November 6th, at 7 PM at the Church of St Joseph, Red Wing. This presentation is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, and will be followed by a discussion on, "What should the Christian response to the challenges of Climate Change be?"

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
Violinist	Susan Forsythe
Pastor	The Rev. Heidi Bolt
Pastor	The Rev. Greg Bolt
Liturgist	Brenda Hendrix

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

TODAY,	9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. – Worship
	11:30 a.m. – Fellowship
MON, 10/30,	10:00 a.m. – Coffee at Mandy's Café
TUES, 10/31,	6:55 p.m. – JuBELLation Ringers
WED, 11/1,	6:30 a.m. – Men's Book Study
THURS, 11/2,	7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study at St. James

GREETERS: Dolores Rootes

USHER: Elliott Mann

FLOWERS: In Memory of Scott Williams

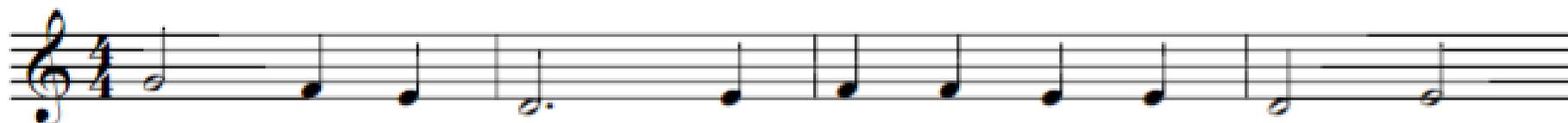
FELLOWSHIP: Mike and Teresa Kohlnhofer

Nursery Position Open

A paid position is available to anyone 14 years or older as a substitute nursery attendant. We have a regular nursery attendant with one back up substitute. We need another person to call if both are unavailable. Nursery attendant position is Sunday mornings 9:00 – little after 11:30 a.m. - until parents pick up their children and will be paid \$25. Please contact Pastor Heidi or Greg Bolt (388-9584) if you are interested in this opportunity to help out the church community.

Lord, Speak To Me

J. L. Salt(er)



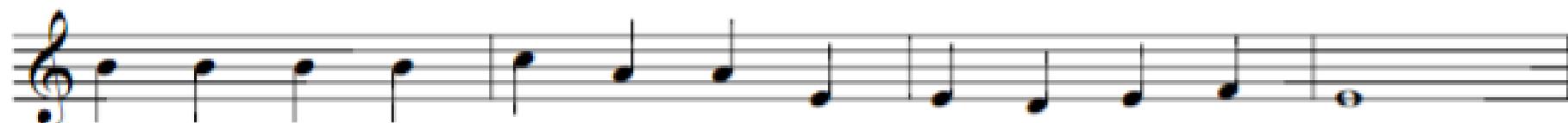
Lord, speak to me in si - lence and the thun - der.



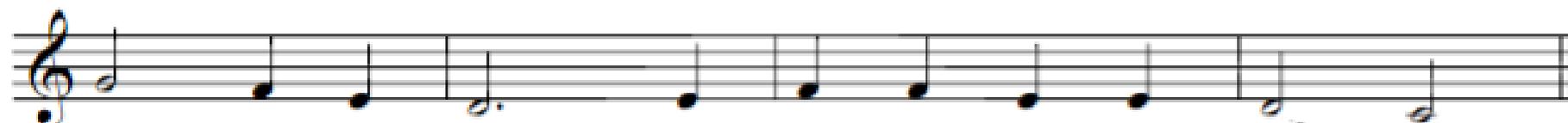
Let your voice rise in won - der and in awe.



My fa - ther you did tell, I'd build a place to dwell for



you, O Lord, who I a - dore. Your house for ev - er - more.



Lord, let me hear and speak my fears a - way.

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*Please rise in body or in spirit.