

***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**

"St. Thomas" J. Payne

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
Litugist	Scott Halverson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HAPPENINGS:

TODAY, 9:30 a.m. – Worship
 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

MON, 07/10, 10:00 a.m. – Coffee at Mandy's Café
 6:30 p.m. – Church Softball

TUES, 07/11, 9:30 a.m. – Presbyterian Women meet at Bay Point Park

WED, 07/12, 6:30 p.m. – Dessert and Hymns

THURS, 07/13, 7:30 a.m. – Women's Book Study at St. James

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: Mark your calendars! Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. —The annual All-Church Picnic will be on Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will once again hold the picnic at shelter #5 at Colvill Park. The Fellowship & Membership Committee. will provide brats, hotdogs, buns, condiments and lemonade. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Also, please bring your own plates, utensils, lawn chairs and lawn games (if you have any you would like to play). There will be a basket for free-will offerings to help defray costs.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

July 4, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer." –Corrie Ten Boom

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" J. Jones

"Fuga" W. Selby

"A Mighty Fortress" Selling J. Reuss

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God, to celebrate the light of love that God gives to us.

Many: **We declare: "The Lord is our light and our salvation..." which illuminates our living.**

One: We gather to worship God and to celebrate the security that God gives to us.

Many: **We affirm: "We offer our worship with songs of joy..." which enlivens our living.**

One: We gather in worship God, to rejoice in the confidence that God gives to us.

Many: **We come together "...To patiently wait on the God" which enriches our living, as we learn about God; and respond God's invitation to: "Come and talk with me." Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** Hymn #259 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
(Prayer request cards are collected by the usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, with praise filling our minds and with songs in our hearts, we celebrate the wonders of our God! The Lord is our Light – how true that is! The Lord is our Salvation – how true that is too! The God assures us that no matter what happens in life or in death, God is there with us—travelling beside us—so, why should we be afraid or anxious?

And yet, O God, our foolish humanity gives us trouble as it raises doubts and fears in our minds. We pray Lord, that as you promised, that you will stay by our side through the difficult times that are ahead of us. Never leave us, O God! Restore our wavering confidence in you so that once again, our focus can be centered only on you as we worship, and in our daily living; and not on our worries or anxieties. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God’s forgiveness.

Many: Happy are we, God’s own, because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mathew 6:25-34 (read responsively)

SPECIAL MUSIC Margaret Sonstebly

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 27

One: The Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** Insert “The Lord is my Light”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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: Gracious, eternal, mysterious God, we bring our gifts with hopeful and faithful spirits.

Many: Bless the offering of these gifts and our lives that new hope and new possibilities are made real in the lives of those whom we serve in following Jesus. Amen

***HYMN OF TRUST** Hymn #179 “God is My Strong Salvation”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Mathew 6:25-34 (*read responsively*)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ **Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?** ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ **And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,** ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ **But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?** ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² **For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.** ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ **“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.**

Psalm 27:1-14

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold^a of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.
³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.
⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.
¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

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.

GREETERS: Susan Crocker
USHER: OPEN (contact Susan Crocker)
FLOWERS: OPEN (sign-up in the kiosk)
FELLOWSHIP: Sue Huber

DESSERT & HYMNS: Join us July 12 at 6:30 p.m. to learn from Rev. Adam J. Copeland, member of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, about the new Glory to God Hymnal we are purchasing this summer. There will be dessert, singing, and a time for questions.

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: In June, we collected 21 bottles of syrup and 5 cans of fruit. Your generosity helps others have healthy meals. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others!

Flat Jesus

Take him with you and show us where you go.
Send pictures to photos@firstpresbyterianredwing.com

