

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Pastor Dan Yeazel

November 5, 2017

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.

Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

L: We are witnesses to the love of God.

**P: We see it in the father putting kids to bed;
we tell of the teacher patiently teaching a student to read.**

L: We are witnesses to the justice of Jesus.

**P: We hear it in the student who stands up to a bully;
we sing of it at vigils of hope for shattered communities.**

L: We are witnesses to the peace of the Spirit.

**P: We receive it from the sister who listens to our loneliness;
we whisper it to the little brother who falls off his bicycle.**

*Hymn No. 2051 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

We could live humbly with others, Sheltering God, but then they would not know how awesome we really are. We could speak humbly to others, but we prefer to put them in their place. We could act humbly in dealing with others, but then they would take advantage of us. We could humbly serve the most vulnerable, but we would rather coddle the wealthy and the powerful.

Have mercy on us, God of compassion. Instead of putting letters after our names, may we spell out hope for those recovering from disasters. Rather than jockeying for a seat at the head table, may we sit in the kitchen with the cooks and dishwashers. Tempted to overlook injustice, may we abhor it as deeply and intently as did your Child, Jesus Christ.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri - Hymn No. 579

Responsive Reading Psalm 43 (OT pg. 634)

We are Inspired by God

* Hymn No. 2233 Where Children Belong
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Time

Anthem The Gift of Children by L. Larson
Gayle Kaufeld, Flute

A Service of Baptism

L: Something is beginning

All: Today we welcome Bjorn into God's family

L: Something is happening now

All: A child is claimed by God's love

L: Someone is forever changed

All: God's creating and life giving waters flow again and anew.

Questions to parents:

Questions to the congregation:

Will we as members of First Presbyterian Church, promise to help nurture Bjorn in The Joy of Christian faith such that in due time he may profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior?
(Congregational response: **We will**)

Will we endeavor by our example and fellowship to strengthen Bjorn's ties with the household of God? (**We will**)

Baptism

Community Welcome (in Unison)

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Anthem Fill-A-Me Up! by P. Choplin
Solo: Zach Peterson; Guiro Olivia Willert

* Hymn No. 404 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Scripture Matthew 23:1-12 (NT pg. 31)

Sermon "Discipleship"

We Respond to God

Choral Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

May not only these gifts, but our very lives, bear witness that there is justice for all who have been pushed aside; there is hope for all who live in the shadows of power; there is love for all who have been rejected; there is healing for all the broken. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 2164

Sanctuary

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 (4th verse) *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

“Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.”

*Postlude



Bjorn John Hellickson

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**WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.
Please sign our guest book before you leave.**

Sunday School and Communicants Class 9:00 am

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Fellowship at 11:00 am

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Ushers: Howard Gransee, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Dick Wolff

Prayer Shawl ministry meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Morning circle meets November 8th at 9:30 am.

Session meets November 8th at 6:00 pm.

NAMI will meet November 14th from 7:00-8:30 pm.

PW meets November 16th at 2:00 pm.

We will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child until the 14th of November. Please have everything at church by the 13th.

The Harvest Luncheon and Bake Sale will be held November 18th from 11:00-1:00.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Bjorn John Hellickson son of Bailey Peterson and Ian Hellickson.