

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Pastor Bill Shobe

September 2, 2018

9:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

Dan Kaufeld

Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.

***Call to Worship-invocation**

Deb Dodds, Liturgist

L: Come, Lord God, to receive our worship. Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise. Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks. Come, eternal three-in-one God, come where we are gathered to celebrate our unity as your body, the church.

C: We share one faith and are of one soul and one mind, which belong solely and wholly to you.

L: We are baptized with one baptism; eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

C: We confess one name above all other names; we are obedient to one Lord, who frees us from the tyranny and hatefulness of the world.

L: We share one hope, one comfort, one goal.

C: We are one people, united despite any noticeable differences by our faith in you, Lord Jesus.

L: We are one people, united by your love and mercy to stand against any power that would try to tear us apart.

All: We are one people, united in blessing and in suffering, united in joy and in sorrow, united in strength and in weakness. Receive our praise!

*Hymn No.469

“Morning Has Broken”

*** Call to Confession**

L: Although God has given the church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, we fall short of God’s call to be salt of the earth and light of the world. Let us join together for the Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to

hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

L: God’s life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death.

Thanks be to God for the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri - Hymn No. 579

Responsive Reading

Psalm 139 1-12, 23-24

L: O Lord, you have searched me and know me.

P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

L: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

P: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

P: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

L: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

ALL: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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

Scripture

Psalm 121

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Sermon "Keeping Eyes On Him"
* Hymn No. 483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

We Respond to God

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work, and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. Amen

*Hymn No.210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 *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

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

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am Fellowship at 11:00 am
Office hours W & F 8-12 Our Website is www.presbykasson.org
Email: janet@presbykasson.org, presbykasson@kmtel.com
Ushers: Howard Gransee, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Dick Wolff

NAMI meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Next Sunday we return to our fall/winter worship time of 10:00 am.

Choir rehearsals begin Sept. 5th at 7:00 pm. Join in the fun this year and bring a friend. Let's make the most joyful sound possible!

Morning Circle will meet at the church on Wed., Sept. 12th at 9:30 am. Bev Livingston is hostess and Rosalie leads lesson 2 in Cloud of Witnesses.

Afternoon circle will meet at 2:00 pm on Sept. 13th at Jane Carlsen's.

