



Sunday, October 29, 2023

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**101 - 6th Ave. NW**  
**Kasson, MN**

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist  
Rev. Tim Gerardsen

10:00 a.m.

## We Approach God Announcements

Prelude

### \*Call to Worship (Responsively)

L: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

**P: God created all that is!**

L: We celebrate that great love of God.

**P: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.**

L: Rejoice and be glad today!

**P: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings.**

**AMEN.**

\*Hymn No. 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

### \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

### \*Assurance of Grace

Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with God's compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice! **AMEN.**

\* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581 *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## We are Inspired by God

\* Hymn No. 188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:137-144

L: You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

**P: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.**

L: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

**P: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.**

L: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

**P: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.**

**All: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.**

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Pg. 239-240 OT  
Psalms 90:1-6 Pg. 673 OT  
Matthew 22:34-46 Pg. 30-31 NT

Sermon: "Throwing the Book at Them" Rev. Tim Gerarden

\*Hymn No. 828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

## We Respond to God

\*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for Offering: Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering  
and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

**\*Doxology No. 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**  
Giving God, we follow your example of the ministry of presence  
in the sharing of our resources. Prosper the work of our hands  
and minds and enable us to make a difference and participate in  
your kindom through generosity. Amen.

**\*Hymn No. 722** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Dismissal No. Hymn 542** (God Be with You Till We Meet Again)  
“God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold  
you, with a shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet  
again.”

**\*Postlude**

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We THANK  
Rev. Tim Gerarden  
for providing our service today.**

**Please keep our extra prayers for: Peggy Engle and Ann Driver for  
continued healing, Elaine Gransee (she is currently recovering in Fairview  
Nursing Facility) and Ruth Allen for strength and healing.**

**We are collecting freezer meals and snacks for the KoMet Pantry. Waffles,  
Hot Pockets, TV Dinners, pizzas, etc. The KoMet Pantry currently is serv-  
ing about 20 high school students that otherwise would be hungry between  
school meals. The kids love it when they hear that the Presbyterian Church  
has left donations in the KoMet Pantry! Freezer donations can be left in  
the backroom freezer and Nicky Wilke will deliver. Questions? Please  
reach out to Nicky.**

**Save the Dates: Nov. 2 - Fellowship Circle at 9:30 AM  
Nov. 16 - PW Meeting, Prayer Service at 6:00 PM  
Nov. 18 Soup N Sliders Luncheon & Bake Sale from 11 - 1 PM**

Start thinking about baking some items for the bake sale.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Receipts September 2023	\$	6,013.88
Expenses September 2023	\$	2,052.71
Balance September 2023	\$	3,961.17
Needed weekly	\$	2,381.04
Needed monthly	\$	10,317.85