



Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

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Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Responsively)

L: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

L: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

***Hymn No. 336**

"We Gather Together"

***Prayer of Confession**

We are "pack rats", O Lord. You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world; remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. In Jesus' blessed Name, we pray. AMEN.

***Assurance of Grace**

You are loved by God and given so many gifts to be used to help others. Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with you, continually blessing you and the gifts in your service. 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 123:1-4

L: To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

P: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

L: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

P: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pg. 250 NT
Matthew 25:14-30 Pg. 34-35 NT

Sermon: "Do What You Can" Pastor Loren Olson

***Hymn No. 643** *"Now, Thanks We all Our God"*

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:**

**There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord.
Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these
tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help
these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world.
AMEN.**

***Hymn No. 367** *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

***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 shepherd's 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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**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU,
A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT**

**We THANK
Pastor Loren Olson
for providing our service today.**

Have a joyful Thanksgiving!

Following today's worship, please stay and enjoy a repeat of the Soup n
Slider Lunch and Bake Sale.

Upcoming Dates: Tuesday, November 21st - Session Meeting at 5:30 PM

Deadline for December Newsletter - Wednesday, November 22nd.

Sunday, December 3rd. - Communion, Hanging of the Greens, Baptism,
Deacons' Luncheon and Tree Trimming

Saturday, December 9 - bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Hardware
Hank in Kasson. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be having a children's Christmas Sunday on December 10th!
Please join us as we share the joys of the Holiday season. Parents: If you
have not confirmed with Ally that your children can participate, please call/text
her at 507-273-8977.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts October 2023	\$	7,469.71
Expenses October 2023	\$	5,821.66
Balance October 2023	\$	1,648.05
Needed weekly	\$	2,381.04
Needed monthly	\$	10,317.85