



Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

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Rev. Tim Gerarden

10:00 a.m

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.

P: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.

L: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us.

P: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.

L: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

P: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion.

AMEN.

*Hymn No. 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief.

You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched. You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none or for whom the clothing is inadequate for the weather; to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love. We have failed in these tasks – we ignore the opportunities and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care.

How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord. You lavish your gifts upon us that we might use them for the betterment of your realm, and we treat them as inconveniences. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. Let us greet this day when the hope of the Reign of Christ can be made manifest and we can be part of this glorious kingdom of peace and compassion. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Assurance of Grace

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! 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 #188

Jesus Loves Me

Children's Time

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

**Riggs Jarrett Friedrich,
son of Sydney Alberts & Troy Friedrich**

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who as conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the holy, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Baptism

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100:1-5

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**P: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Pg. 984 OT
Matthew 25:31-46 Pg. 35 NT

Sermon: "The Least" Rev. Tim Gerarden

***Hymn #268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

We Respond to God

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**

Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us through all the trials and tribulations of our lives, we bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope in which our church is involved. Be with us and cause us to grow in our faith and our service. AMEN.

***Hymn No. 643** "Now Thank We all Our God"

***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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**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU,
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 prayers for: Peggy Engle and Ann Driver for continued healing, Elaine Gransee and Ruth Allen for strength and healing.

Save the Dates: Deadline for December Newsletter - Wednesday, November 28th. Sunday, December 3rd. - Communion, Hanging of the Greens, Baptism, Deacons' Luncheon and Tree Trimming Saturday, December 9 - bell ringing for the Salvation ringing 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