



Sunday, January 21, 2024

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

## First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN

Brian Rohrs, Pianist

January 21, 2024

Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 a.m.

### We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsively)

L: Gather this day in silence and hope

**P: We wait for God's word for us.**

L: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

**P: God is our strength and salvation.**

L: Wait patiently for the Lord.

**P: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn No 192**

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

### \*Prayer of Confession

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic. When we look at our own lives, we believe that we could not leave everything to follow someone we didn't know. We have many responsibilities and ties which keep us from following. But God is persistent. God understands our confusion and doubts. Discipleship is difficult. Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name. AMEN.

### \*Assurance of Grace

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for you is eternal. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**P: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:**

**to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

**P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,**

**and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud be gracious to me and answer me!

**P: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"**

**Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

**All: Do not hide your face from me.**

**Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.**

**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Pg. 780 OT

Pg. 201-202 NT

Pg. 4 NT

Sermon: A Cranky Prophet & Clueless Fishers" Pastor Loren Olson

**\*Hymn No 462**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

## 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 Pon-  
tius 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:**

**Generous God, we thank you for every good and perfect gift you  
have given to us and through us. Use our offerings this day for  
the benefit of creation, the redemption of humanity, and your  
glory. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No 410** *"God is Calling Through the Whisper"*

**\*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. Loren Olson for providing our service today.**

**Please pick up your offering envelopes and 2023 donations receipts. They  
are on the round table in the corner.**

**Upcoming Dates**

**Wednesday, January 24**

**Deadline for February**

**Sunday, January 28**

**Newsletter  
Congregational Meeting  
following service.**

**Monday, January 29 -  
Friday February 2**

**Meals on Wheels**

**Please keep Kristy Johnson and the Strommes in our prayers as they  
recover from their injuries from a serious semi-truck/car accident**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Receipts December 2023	\$	8,611.16
Expenses December 2023	\$	3,330.13
Balance December 2023	\$	5,281.03
Needed weekly	\$	2,381.04
Needed monthly	\$	10,317.85