



Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

Rev. Tim Gerarden

10:00 a.m

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: From the pillar of fire and cloud of smoke, God led the people.

P: Praise be to God!

L: Through the voices of the prophet, God proclaimed the way to live.

P: Praise be to God!

L: Through the power and witness of Jesus Christ, God offered us new life.

P: Thanks be to God who has showered us with blessing upon blessing! AMEN.

***Hymn No. 65** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

*Prayer of Confession

We think we know so much, O God, and with our meager knowledge we presume to judge others. We arrogantly announce our own righteousness without a compassionate thought. We proclaim your word when it suits us and often only to those with whom we want to associate. We shut others out because of our faulty judgment and our blindness. There have been so many times in which our humble help would have been a blessing to someone, but we have placed our comforts before serving others. In the competing voices of today’s world, we have turned around and around, trying to find the way to live. Help us, merciful God, to again listen to you. Help us to truly open our hearts to you. Remind us again of your great love and presence in our lives. Forgive us our foolishness and our stubbornness. Create in us new spirits, filled with your love, offering peace and hope to all. In Jesus’ Name we pray. AMEN.

*Assurance of Grace

Quiet your hearts, beloved of God, for God is speaking to you with love. Rest your spirits, struggling ones, for God will surround you with peace. Open your lives to God’s power and presence and do not be afraid. God is with us, now and for all time. 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 of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 111:1-10**

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**P: Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

**L: Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**P: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**L: He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

**P: He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

**L: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**P: They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

L: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

**P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

Scripture:	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Pg. 218 OT
	Mark 1:21-28	Pg. 43 NT

Sermon:	“Proving the Point	Rev. Tim Gerarden
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***Hymn No. 440** *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

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**

Help us to learn to trust the long nights of our lives and ministries, that you are with us regardless of the outcomes we think we know. May the gifts that we offer here today be blessed by the beauty of service, which allows us to build the kin-dom of God moment by moment, choice by choice, alone and together. Amen.

***Hymn No. 662** *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

***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."

***Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting.** Following, enjoy coffee and fellowship.

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 prayers for: Donna Dohrmann for strength and healing. Kristy Johnson continued healing, Carol Prenzlowl, Elaine Gransee and Ruth Allen for strength and healing.

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

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, January 29 -

Friday February 2

Meals on Wheels

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