



Sunday, December 29, 2024

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

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Brian Rohr - Music

December 29, 2024

Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

L: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,

**P: but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the God of the whole Earth.**

L: O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .

Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

**P: But because even those who walk in darkness
can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star**

L: O come let us worship and bow down . . .

Not because God gives us what we want,

**P: But because God gives us what we need –
the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

***Hymn No. 140** *“Once in Royal David's City”*

***Prayer of Confession:**

**Most Loving God, because you knew how twisted and corrupted our
humanity had become, you sent us your Holy Son—**

**Because you have stood in our shoes and understand how difficult it is
to live by the rule of law in an often cold, unfeeling,
and ruthless world—**

**Because you have given us a gracious spirit, forgiving those who sin
against us, and you call us to a ministry of reconciliation in a fractured
world—**

**We proclaim him Jesus, our Savior, for he will save our world from its
many sins.**

Silent confession.

***Assurance of Grace:**

**God of Christmas, God of unspeakable grace, forgive and renew us all,
that our lives may declare the wonders of that Holy Love that has
called us out of darkness into glorious light. Amen!**

We are Inspired by God

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 148**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**P: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they
were created.

**P: He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

L: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**P: fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

P: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**P: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

All: Praise the Lord!

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*

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:8-17

Pg 246 NT

Luke 2:41-52

Pg 72 NT

Sermon:

“New Clothes”

Pastor Loren Olson

***Hymn No. 136** *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

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:

Lord of Light and Love, we offer these gifts with hearts transformed by the miracle of your son's birth. As the shepherds returned with joy and praise, may these offerings spread your joy and love. Use them to bless those in need, to bring hope and peace, and to further your kingdom here on earth. In this season of Advent, may we continue to glorify and praise you in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***Hymn No. 114** *"Away in the Manger"*

***Benediction**

***Dismissal No. Hymn 542**

"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**

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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:**

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 !

**We are serving Meals on Wheels, Monday, December 30-Friday,
January 3**

**Please keep our prayers for: Elaine Gransee, Ruth Allen, Donna
Dohrman, Joyce Olson, Dick Wolff for strength and healing.**

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