

Sunday January 12, 2025

First Presbyterian Church
101 - 6th Ave. NW

Kasson, MN

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN Brian Rohrs, Pianist

January 12, 2025 Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements Prelude

*Call to Worship:

L: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

P: I will be with you.

L: So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

P: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

*Hymn No 463 "How Firm A Foundation"

*Prayer of Confession:

Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Grace:

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

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 of Illumination

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 29** - A Psalm of David.

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

P: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

P: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

P: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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: Isaiah 43:1-7 Pg 822 OT Luke 3:15-17. 21-22 Pg 73 NT

"Precious and Beloved" Pastor Loren Olson

*Hymn No. 408 "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

We Respond to God

Sermon:

*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:

Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

*Hymn No 840 "It Is Well with My Soul"

*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."

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:

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be following the worship service on January 26th.

With the Annual Meeting coming, please committee chairs, get your annual reports to me in the office or email it as soon as possible.

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

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Postlude