



Sunday February 23, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
101 - 6th Ave. NW
Kasson, MN

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

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Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship:

L: Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But who are the others?

P: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

L: Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?

P: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

L: Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

P: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

L: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn No 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

*Prayer of Confession:

God, we are so conditioned to respond in kind. We are so worried that when the reckoning comes, we will find ourselves left with the short end of the stick. And not without reason. The powerful take and take and lie and lie and oppress and oppress, seemingly without consequence. Teach us to love with skill. Teach us to love with precision. Teach us to love with abandon, trusting that when we step into the ocean of your abundant love, we will receive the blessings of your abundant life. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Grace:

Take delight in the good news, dear friends. Salvation is from our God, who restores us to new life. God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart’s desires; God provides healing and hope to all. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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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 37:1-11**

L: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

P: or they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

L: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

P: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

P: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

L: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

P: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

L: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

P: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

All: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

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: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Pg 215-216 NT
Luke 6:27-38 Pg 78-79 NT

Sermon: “We Will Rise” Pastor Loren Olson

*Hymn No. 250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower ”

We Respond to God

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***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:**

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

***Hymn No 375** *"Shall We Gather at the River"*

***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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A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

The KMHS KoMet Pantry for the next few weeks we will be collecting personal hygiene items for : shampoos, soap, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair products, etc. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Nicky Wilke with questions! Thank you!

Elder/Deacon Joint Meeting following service today, in the Conference Room.

Per Capita: Just a reminder, your per capita envelope is in your donation receipt letter from our treasurer, Jennifer Mittelstadt. (On the table int the back) Please remember that the per capita is due by March 16.