



Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

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Brian Rohr - Music

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Pastor Loren Olson

10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: What has God done for you?

P: God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.

Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

L: God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

P: When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

L: God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

P: Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

All: We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!

*Hymn No. 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Prayer of Confession:

We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; Yet, with you, we know there's another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit In a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill, We are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation.

Silent confession.

*Assurance of Forgiveness:

God's grace and mercy abounds. God is with us in the change. God's everlasting arms embrace us. Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and set free. Amen.

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 63:1-8**

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

P: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

L: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

P: So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

L: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

P: when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

L: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

P: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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 55:1-9

Pg 838-839 OT

Luke 13:1-9

Pg 92 NT

Sermon:

"It's Not About Figs"

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*Hymn No. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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:

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 824** *"There is a Place of Quiet Rest"*

***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**

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:**

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

One Great Hour of Sharing - We will take offering on Sunday, April 6th, but you are welcome to contribute any time between now and Easter.

*March 30th - Potluck Dinner following service. Bring a dish to share.

*April 3rd - Friendship Circle meets at 9:30 AM

The date for the PW meeting will be announced when it's determined.

*April 4th - KM Youth Fishing Team Fish Fry at the Kasson Fire Hall from 4:00 - 7:00 PM

*April 12th - Community Resource Roundup from 10:00 AM - Noon. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women.

*April 13th - Palm Sunday

*April 15th - Session Meeting at 5:30 PM

Tax Day (Taxes Due)

*April 17th - Maundy Thursday

*April 18th - Good Friday

*April 20th - Easter Sunday

*April 22nd - Earth Day

*April 25th - Arbor Day