



Sunday, March 16, 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: Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

P: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

L: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

P: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

P: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

L: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

All: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

*Hymn No. 49 *“The God of Abraham Praise”*

*Prayer of Confession

We live in the shadow of peace, O God, but too often, we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we know we are not a whole people without it. Forgive us our warring madness, our abuse of power, and our disregard of the rights of others. Lift from us the burden of the need always to be in control. Teach us the ways of mutual love for all people. Help us to give peace a chance. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Grace

God is light and in God is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another and can live in God’s peace. 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 27**

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

P: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

L: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

P: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

L: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

P: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

L: Teach me your way, O Lord and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

P: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

P: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Pg 14-15 OT
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Pg 242 NT

Sermon: "Heavenly Citizenship" Pastor Loren Olson

***Hymn No. 819** "Be Still 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:**
Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace.

In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 661** "Why Should I Be Discouraged"

***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.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU, A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS. BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY !!!!!

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

Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at 5:30 PM

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!

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 **TODAY, March 16.**