



First Presbyterian Church
Pipestone, Minnesota
November 21, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Prelude :

Ringing of the bell :

Welcome : Elizabeth Fox

Announcement : Emily Speer

Opening Hymn #458 : Earth and All Stars

Call to worship :

Leader : Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

People : **like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the dew on the grassy land.**

Leader : Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

People : **a power that shall not pass away and a love that will never be destroyed.**

Leader : We belong to the reign of Christ,

People : **the Alpha and Omega, who was, and is, and is to come.**

Prayer of the Day:

Leader : Join me in our prayer of the day

All : **O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the grace that is at work in us through the gift of our baptism— the sign of your threefold name, the communion**

of your faithful people, the promise of your glorious realm. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, let your grace and peace grow in us, until we gather at your heavenly throne to give you thanks and praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession & Pardon:

Leader : It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Leader : Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All : O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace.

Leader : Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All : **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri: *(Please Stand)*

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination: Elizabeth Fox

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1–7 - *Good News Translation*
Psalm 93 - *Good News Translation*
Revelation 1:4b–8 – *NRSV Pages 334-341*
John 18:33–37 - *Good News Translation*
(See Insert for GNT verses)

Message: Who Speaks the Truth
Elizabeth Fox

Hymn #288: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Affirmation of Faith: **Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-55**
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Prayers of the People

Offering : *(Please place offering in plate by back door)*

Doxology : *(Please Stand)*

Prayer of Dedication : *(Please Stand)*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader : The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Leader : Lift up your hearts.

People : **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People : **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader : Blessed are you, O Lord our God:
You are the ancient and eternal one,
encompassed in smoke and fire, enthroned
in glory forever. Therefore we praise you,
joining the song of the universal church
and the heavenly choir:

People : **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Hymn #538 : Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Charge & Benediction : *(Please Stand)*

Postlude :

This Week's Opportunities

Today, November 21, 2021

10:00 AM ~ Worship (Communion)

Monday, November 22

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM ~ Christmas Decorating, All Welcome

Wednesday, November 24

2:00 PM ~ Volunteering @ Pipestone Food Shelf
(Volunteers need to be present at 1:15PM)

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

Sunday, November 28

10:00 AM ~ Hanging of the Greens

Following worship, everyone is invited to Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Today's Fellowship volunteers are the wonderful Nick Baatz & Hailey Elyen. If you would like to sign up for fellowship, please do so in the Westminster Hall.

Thank you to our ushers/greeters this week: Glen & Lana Eeten. If you'd like to sign up to be an usher/greeter/candle lighter, please contact the office to volunteer.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

November 21, 2021

1. Noisy Offering Today

Empty your pocket change and donate it today!

2. Camera Training Today

We need several volunteers to come and train with Bud today to use during service.

3. Christmas Decorating

This Sunday (today), we will start bringing items and trees to decorate up as far as Westminster Hall. Decorating begins tomorrow, Monday, November 22nd. Everyone is welcome to come by at any time between 4:00-7:00PM to come and help!

4. Poinsettias Now Available

Poinsettias are \$8.00 each and can be dedicated "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of". All Poinsettias must be picked up on Christmas Eve or Donated to members of the church who are unable to be with us in person during the holidays. Sign-ups are in the Narthex or can be ordered by contacting the office.

5. Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens service will be held next Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 10:00AM. Following this service, we will have the annual lighting of the outdoor tree(s). Hot dogs will also be served. In addition, we will be dedicating an outdoor nativity in memory of Glenn "Ike" Eichhorn and Gerrit Wabeke for their countless hours of Labor of Love as Faithful Servants for the church.

6. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is in need for volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels in Pipestone. Meal pick up is at the Pipestone Senior center around 11AM Monday – Friday. Interested Volunteers are encouraged to reach out to Sarah Anderson by phone (507-215-1848) or email at Sarah.Anderson@lssmn.org.

7. Pastoral Nominating Committee

The PNC has met to begin work to find a pastor. They are in the beginning stages of their work and need your prayers at this time.

8. Fellowship Sign-Ups

Please sign up for the fellowship. Fellowship Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.

Attendance on November 14

44 In-Person

109 Online

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Good News Translation

David's Last Words

23 David son of Jesse was the man whom God made great, whom the God of Jacob chose to be king, and who was the composer of beautiful songs for Israel. These are David's last words:

²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me;

his message is on my lips.

³The God of Israel has spoken; the protector of Israel said to me:

“The king who rules with justice, who rules in obedience to God,

⁴is like the sun shining on a cloudless dawn,

the sun that makes the grass sparkle after rain.”

⁵And that is how God will bless my descendants,

because he has made an eternal covenant with me,

an agreement that will not be broken,

a promise that will not be changed.

That is all I desire;

that will be my victory,

and God will surely bring it about.

⁶But godless people are like thorns

that are thrown away;

no one can touch them barehanded.

⁷You must use an iron tool or a spear; they will be burned completely.

Psalm 93

Good News Translation

God the King

93 The LORD is king.

He is clothed with majesty and strength.

The earth is set firmly in place and cannot be moved.

²Your throne, O LORD, has been firm from the beginning,

and you existed before time began.

³The ocean depths raise their voice, O LORD;

they raise their voice and roar.

⁴The LORD rules supreme in heaven, greater than the roar of the ocean, more powerful than the waves of the sea.

⁵Your laws are eternal, LORD, and your Temple is holy indeed, forever and ever.

John 18:33-37

Good News Translation

³³ Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him.

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?”

³⁵ Pilate replied, “Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!”

³⁷ So Pilate asked him, “Are you a king, then?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me.”