



First Presbyterian Church
Pipestone, Minnesota
January 30, 2022 - 10:00 AM

Prelude

Ringing of the bell

Welcome : Bruce Johnson

Announcement : Emily Speer

Call to worship : **Psalm 71: 1-6** (Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help)
(Page #714 Old Testament NRSV XL Ed)

Leader : In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People : **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader : Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People : **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader : For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

People : **Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

Opening Hymn #339: Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession:

Leader : Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.

People : But we confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.

Leader : Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast, and that it is not proud.

People : But we confess that sometimes we have been envious, and boastful, and proud.

Leader : Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking,

People : But we confess that in many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves.

Leader : Your word tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

People : But we confess how quickly we fly off the handle, and how carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.

Leader : Your word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

People : Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love. Protect us with Your love, Lord, and help us to choose the way of trusting You, putting our hope in You, and persevering in Your ways, knowing that love never fails, and that You never fail. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Gloria Patri : *(Please Stand)*

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading : Jeremiah 1:4-10
(Page #920 Old Testament NRSV XL Ed)

Gospel : Luke 4: 21-30
(Page #84 New Testament NRSV XL Ed)

Hymn #341 : Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Prayer for Illumination:

God of the new covenant, without your grace, our ability to receive and understand your Word is non-existent. Without your mercy, we are unable to apply that which can change our lives this day. To that end, we plead for the opening of our minds and hearts to the truth of your Word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Message : A More Excellent Way
Bruce Johnson

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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 on 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.

Prayers of the People & 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. 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 and ever. Amen.

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

Doxology : *(Please Stand)*

Prayer of Dedication : *(Please Stand)*

God, You remind us that faith without love is meaningless. We present these gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this moment of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls so that we remember to act consistently in your more excellent way-the way of love. in the name of Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn *(See Insert)* : In the Garden

Charge & Benediction : *(Please Stand)*

Go now, and live as one body in Christ.

Be at peace, and care for one another;

Suffer with one another and rejoice with one another.

Give your attention to the Word of God

and proclaim the good news of freedom to all.

And may God delight your heart and sharpen your vision;

May Christ Jesus keep you, thought and word, in his grace;

And may the Holy Spirit be the fountain that sustains you all
.....and binds you together as one.

Postlude

Following worship, everyone is invited to Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. This week's volunteer is the wonderful Terry K. If you would like to sign up for fellowship, please do so in the Westminster Hall.

Thank you to our usher/greeter this week: Laura Wurster. If you'd like to sign up to be an usher/greeter, please contact the office to volunteer.

This Week's Opportunities

Today, January 30, 2022

10:00 AM ~ Worship

Tuesday, February 1

Chinese New Year

Wednesday, February 2

Groundhog Day

6:00 PM ~ JAM @ Peace UMC

Sunday, February 6

10:00 AM ~ Worship



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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Church Library Discontinued

The books formerly in the church library will be on a table in Westminster Hall. You are invited to go through these and take any you would like. Any books left will either be donated or brought to the paper truck.

Per Capita - \$43/Member

Confirmation Kids Food Drive

The confirmation students will be holding a Food Drive from today through February 20th. Food will be donated to our local food shelf! There will be a collection box in the Narthex.

February Congregational Meeting on February 13th

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.

Fellowship Sign-Ups

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

Attendance on January 23

34 In-Person 94 Online

In the Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone,___While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice___ Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him___ Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fal-ling on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He gave to me
round me be fal - ling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,



The Son of God dis - clo - ses.
With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
His voice to me is cal - ling.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,___ And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there, None o - ther has e - ver___ known.