



First Presbyterian Church
Pipestone, Minnesota
October 3, 2021 – 10:00 AM

- Prelude** :
- Ringing of the bell** :
- Welcome** : Donna Flint
- Announcement** : Emily Speer
- Call to worship** :
- Leader : In the beginning God created all things,
- People** : **and God saw that they were good.**
- Leader : At our beginning, God created us
- People** : **unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,**
- Leader : In all our new beginnings, God creates something new
- People** : **so we seek God in the freshness of this morning.**
- All** : Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn #138 : Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Call to Confession: Donna Flint

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of 'what we are doing' or 'who we are with'. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness: Donna Flint

Gloria Patri: *(Please Stand)*

Prayer for Illumination: Donna Flint

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-4, 3:1-13

Message: Fig Leaves
Robby Flint

Hymn #293: This is My Father's World

Affirmation of Faith:

(From the Shorter Catechism)

- Leader : What is the chief end of men and women?
- People : **Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**
- Leader : What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?
- People : **The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us in this.**
- Leader : What special act of providence did God exercise towards men and women?
- People : **When God created men and women, God entered into a covenant of life with them, upon condition of perfect obedience.**
- Leader : What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?
- People : **Their sin was eating the forbidden fruit. This sin brought all men and women into an estate of sin and misery.**

Leader : Did God leave us to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

People : **No, God entered into a covenant of grace, to deliver us out of the estate of sin and misery and to bring us into an estate of salvation through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Through God's free grace, our sins are pardoned and we are accepted as righteous in God's sight.**

Leader : What are the benefits of the life God offers us?

People : **The benefits are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.**

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer: Robby Flint

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

Special Music : Somebody Bigger Than You and I

Doxology : *(Please Stand)*

Prayer of Dedication : *(Please Stand)*

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you: immersed in scripture, constant in prayer, joyful in worship, generous in giving. Accept these gifts we offer and use them to further your kingdom on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn #438 : Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Charge & Benediction : *(Please Stand)*

Postlude :

Following worship, everyone is invited to Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Today's Fellowship volunteers are Abbie and Lee VandeVoort. If you would like to sign up for fellowship, please do so in the Westminster Hall.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. 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.

2. Usher/Greeters Sign-Ups

If you would like to volunteer to be an usher or greeter for Sunday services, please let the office or Janet Bush know. We will start calling potential ushers/greeters as we get into September.

3. Fellowship Sign-Ups

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

4. Annual Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat donations will be taken Today and October 17th. If you would like to donate at a different time, please add "Trunk or Treat" to your memo. Trunk or Treat 2021 is on Thursday, October 28th.

5. JAM has Started!

JAM is open to kids aged 3 years old up through 6th grade. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00PM until 7:00PM. JAM will be at Peace UMC for the month of October.

God's Emergency Numbers

When in sorrow – read John 14

When you are lonely or fearful –
read Psalms 23

When you want to be fruitful –
read John 15

When you have sinned –
read Psalms 51

When you grow bitter & critical –
read 1 Corinthians 13

When you worry – read Matthew 6:19-34

When you feel down & out –
read Romans 8:31-39

When your prayers grow selfish – read Psalms 67

When you are in danger – read Psalms 91

When your faith needs stirring – read Hebrews 11

When God seems far away – read Psalms 139

When others fail you – Psalms 27

When you leave home to labor or travel –
read Psalms 121

When you want assurance –
read Romans 1:1-30

For Paul's secret of happiness –
read Colossians 3:12-17

For Paul's idea of Christianity –
read 2 Corinthians 5:15-20

When the world seems bigger than God –
read Psalms 70 & Jeremiah 38:3