



First Presbyterian Church
Pipestone, Minnesota
September 26, 2021 - 10:00 AM

- Prelude** : Lord, I Want to be a Christian
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- Ringing of the bell** :
- Welcome** : Elizabeth Fox
- Announcement** : Emily Speer
- Opening Hymn #264** : When in Our Music God is Glorified
- Call to worship** :
- Leader : Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- People** : **the maker of heaven and earth.**
- Leader : Our hope is in the name of the Lord,
- People** : **the healer of all that is wounded.**
- Leader : Our trust is in the name of the Lord,
- People** : **the one we gather to worship and praise.**

Prayer of Confession:

Leader : It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**People : Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.
For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.
You are our redeemer, and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.
You are our source of unity, and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.
You are our fount of forgiveness, and yet we fear that we will be condemned.
Forgive us, O Rock.
Forgive us, O Redeemer, and show us what it means to forgive one another.**

Words of Assurance:

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!

People : **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri : *(Please Stand)*

Prayer for Illumination:

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading : Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Children's Sermon : Purim

Sermon : Purim for Christians
Elizabeth Fox

Hymn #236 : Now Israel May Say

Affirmation of Faith:

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the

church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People

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

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Special Music : Gentle Shephard

Doxology : *(Please Stand)*

Prayer of Dedication : *(Please Stand)*

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives—giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

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:
The sea roars, the floods clap their hands;
the hills sing together for joy, for you judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.
All the ends of the earth have seen your victory!
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.**

Words of Institution

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.

Breaking of the Bread:

Leader : The gifts of God for the people of God.

People : **Thanks be to God.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #101 : When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Charge & Benediction : *(Please Stand)*

So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure

as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace.

Postlude : I am Thine O Lord

Following worship, everyone is invited to the Fall Kick-Off hosted by the Board of Deacons. Please enjoy BBQ, bars, and enter to win door prizes. If you would like to sign up for Fellowship during this time, please do so in the Westminster Hall. Pictures will also be taken for the Church Directory.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

September 26, 2021

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. Fall Kick-Off Lunch Today

Come join us today after church for our Fall Kick-Off. We'll have BBQ, chips, bars, and door prizes available for people to sign up. We hope to have a great turn out and are excited to see more people come to "in person" church!

6. Directory Photos Today

We will be taking directory family photos today. There will be an opportunity to purchase photos.

7. Organ/Piano Duet Concert for the Senior Citizens on September 30th

The Organ/Piano Duet Concert will be played by Steve Weets & Denise Nagel in the Pipestone First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary on September 30, 2021 at 1:30PM. We will have coffee and bars to follow in the church's fellowship hall.

8. Monthly Book Club

We will meet the second Sunday of each month at 9:00AM and have coffee with cookies. Everyone is welcome.

9. Ridgeview Social Hour

Please join us to meet with residents of Ridgeview Estates every third Thursday at 1:30PM. Take the elevator up to the second floor and go to the first room on the left. Please bring a mask. The next Social Hour is going to be October 21st.

10. 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 FPC this week and then we will meet at Peace UMC for the month of October.