

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN (Insert) "Go, Light Your World"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

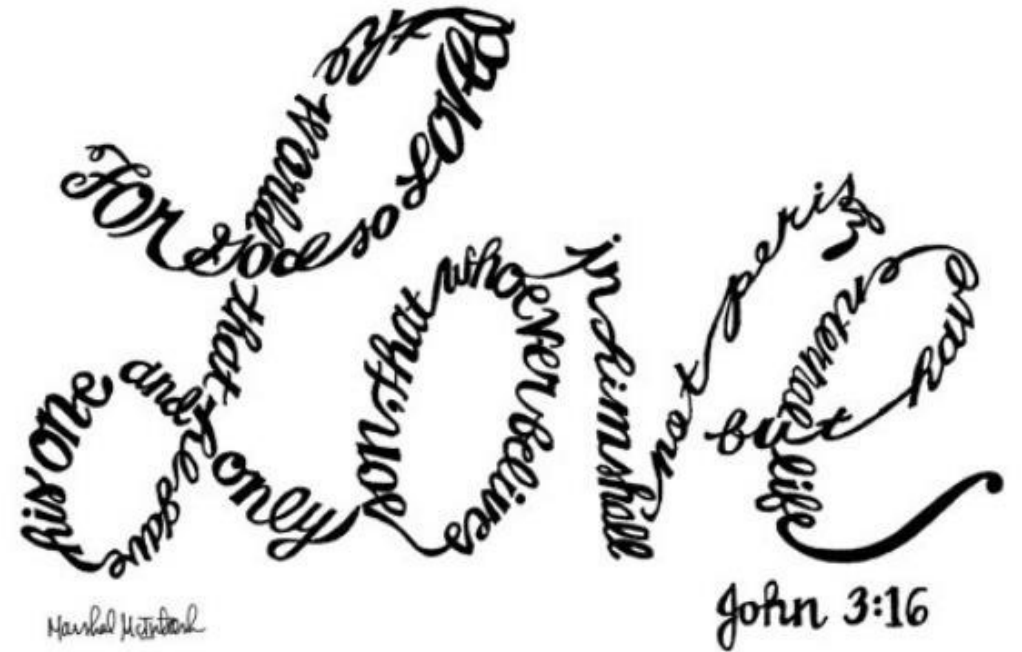
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #2281 (SF) "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Pianist:	Jill Boeyink
Special Music:	Music Team
Projectionist:	Elliot Christensen
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	Doug Bakker
Ushers & Greeters:	Eldon and Carol Aalderks
Counters:	Chuck and Karen Stern
Coffee Fellowship:	Diann Anderson

**First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN**



January 28, 2018

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE "Holy and Anointed One"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us gather and turn, turn towards the light.

All: Let us gather and turn, turn towards each other.

One: Let us gather and turn, turn towards God.

All: And be reborn, renewed, renamed, as God's children.

***HYMN #100 (SH)** "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, maker of heaven and earth, you sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to reveal the true light, the true way, for us to be saved. For centuries the church has tried to filter your light through different lenses, through different traditions, through different understandings of what it means to be saved. Times and understandings have changed and yet still the church does not always find ways to shine your light in ways that help others to know you.

All: Forgive us Lord, we are fickle people, slow to learn and even slower to change, help us turn back to the light that shines in Jesus, that guides our way. Forgive us Lord, for hiding the light in doctrine and theology and failing to let the light shine brightly for all people. Lord, help us to choose to follow the light wherever it may lead us, and to share the light with all people. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI #577 (PH)**

***THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN#137 (SH) "Shine On Us"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-21

One: This is the Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "By Night or By Light"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER #1 (SH)

Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today, our daily bread;

forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.

The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

A-men, a-men, a-men.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Refiner's Fire"

***OFFERING RESPONSE #2176 (SF)** "Make Me a Servant"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**