

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

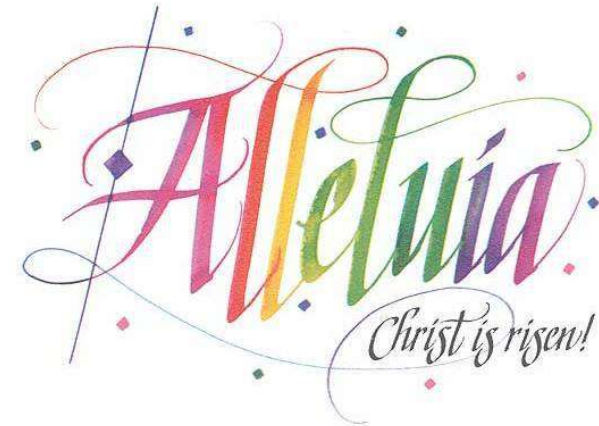
Preacher: Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist: Rev. Scott Thompson
Pianist: Jill Boeyink
Special Music: Choir & Music Team
Projectionist: Shara Goldenstein
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Ashley Boeyink, David Little, Bob and Rita Dincau
Communion Servers: Connie Jenson, Roger Tatge, and
Mark and Nancy Chamberlain
Counters: Doug and Sharon Bakker



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.

**First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN
April 1, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

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

PRELUDE

"Thine Is The Glory"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT ENTRY

"We Come to Your Feast"

Communion Insert

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #123 (PH)

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

One: God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God’s love, let us confess our sin.

All: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

One: Listen, family of faith: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

ANTHEM

“Forever and a Day”
[music team and choir]

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“The Last Laugh”
Rev. Leanne Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Resurrection Power”
[music team]

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Insert

COMMUNION HYMN #102 (SH)

“In Christ Alone”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #122 (PH)**

“Thine is the Glory”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Lift High The Cross”