

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #2....."Come, Thou Almighty King"**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

First Presbyterian Church

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 21, 2021

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO SILENCE

(Silence is often a rare experience in our daily lives.

In lives that are so busy and pressured to do the next thing, it can feel wrong to just "be". But this is exactly where God's grace begins. At the realization that we are enough, just as we are. Therefore, to begin worship, you are invited to do just that.

As the bell rings and fades away, imagine all of the pressures and demands you have been holding fading with it. The freedom to just "be" is where we will begin our worship together.)



MUSIC FOR CONTEMPLATION

***OPENING SENTENCES (A Poem) (Responsive)**

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

Thank you!

The hills and valleys are filled with colour, and we say,

Thank you!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

Thank you!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

Thank you!

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

Thank you!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

Thank you!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts

Be acceptable to you, O God,

As we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

***GATHERING HYMN #367....."Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

Prayer

Please continue to be in prayer for:



Kaylee Acevedo & Family

Alex Gullingsrud & Family

Curt Hoppe

JoAnn Westburg

Brent Blake

Randy Beattie

KYRIE

(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)
Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)
Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

Gracious Creator,

We confess that it is hard to be grateful.

Even for us, who have more stuff, more comfort, more options, more privilege, more health, more entertainment, more blessings of every kind compared to our ancestors and the vast majority of those who share the earth with us now.

Without thinking, we sacrifice our joy at the alter of “more”, then are confused when we are left with nothing but heavy entitlements.

You call us to use Your gifts to live in caring community,
But too often we place our wants and needs first,
With those of others a distant second.

**You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us,
But we are convinced there will not be enough,
And our sharing slows to a trickle that costs us nothing.**

God of Gifts, we confess

We need you to free us from these habits long held and norms long trusted. Forgive us and lead us back to the path of Christ and his wisdom.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

God is a gracious giver.
God is generous in forgiveness.
God calls us to new patterns and new life.
We are Children of God and no power can separate us from that love!
Thanks be to God! Amen!

***RESPONSE HYMN #654”In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**
Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Joel 2:21-27 (pg 944)

SECOND READING.....1 Timothy 2:1-7 (pg 224)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!***

GOSPEL READING.....Matthew 6:25-33 (pg 6)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Praise to You, O Christ***

SERMON

Rev. Greg Isaacson

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #267”Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

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