

# *Welcome To Worship*



First

Presbyterian

CROOKSTON, MN.

*November 12<sup>Th</sup>, 2023*

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***\*Those who are able may stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVITATION TO REST**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 90)**

“O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.  
**So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.  
**And prosper for us the work of our hands.”**

But, let it start here with us and our full hearted worship of Christ Jesus.

**\*GATHERING HYMN #**

**KYRIE**

*(Confession need not be a somber affair. It can be a joyful and thankful relief. Like dropping a heavy load from tired arms. God's grace means confession can sound as much like "hallelujah" as "I'm sorry". For this reason, we begin and end our "Confession" A joyful song. Express how our confessing is also our act of love for the God who already covers it in grace.)*

***I Love You Lord And I Lift My Voice To Worship You  
Oh My Soul, Rejoice...***

**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

God of Justice, you are the maker of shalom and the source of righteousness. The one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to be reflections of your just love:

**When we have food and space at our table but do not seek to share it with any  
in  
need.**

**When we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our**

own self-preservation.

When we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we turn our attention to avoid the discomfort.

God of justice, forgive us and teach us to be followers of your way in ways that truly matter.

**KYRIE**

*Take Joy My King*

*In What You Hear*

*May it be a sweet, sweet song*

*In Your Ear.*

*SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.*

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Hear God's words from the psalmist (Psalm 90)

"The favor of the Lord our God rests on us;  
establishing the work of our hands for us—  
yes, affirming the work that we do."

This is the promise of God's grace for us.

**Hallelujah and Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN**

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**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

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** READING 1..... Amos 5:18-24

READING 2.....1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

SERMON.....Pr. Greg Isaacson

Quiet Moment for Reflection

\*HYMN OF THE DAY #

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

## *The Communion*

- *Invitation*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*
- *Words of Institution*
- *Communion of the People*
- *Prayer*



\*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 #

\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

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

\*POSTLUDE

# A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

*Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:*

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**Check out our Website: [crookstonfirstpres.org](http://crookstonfirstpres.org)**

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## Next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**10:45 am                      Worship**  
**11:45 am                      Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters.....** Sam & Marley Melby  
**Organist.....** Hannah  
**Music Director.....** Sandy Perkins  
**Reader.....** Ralph Pester  
**Communion Serve/ Prep.....** Marlys Mjoen/ Marsha Odom/ Sandy Perkins

## Tuesdays November 14<sup>th</sup>

Area Woman's Chorus  
Rehearsal

## Wednesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Bell Practice

## Thursday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

New Book Study!

## Next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**10:45 am                      Worship**  
**11:45 am                      Coffee Fellowship**

**Ushers & Greeters.....** Gordy & Monica Terpstra  
**Organist.....** George French  
**Music Director.....** Sandy Perkins  
**Reader.....** Marsha Odom

# **Worship Notes & Holy Doodles**

# Special Announcements

## Celebration Luncheon with Dan & Laurie Wilson

*Dear Church Family, Past and Present,*

*Dan and Laurie would like to invite you to share a lunch with them after church on December 3 to say thank you for being an important part of their journey on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All are invited but we ask that no gifts or cards are given.*

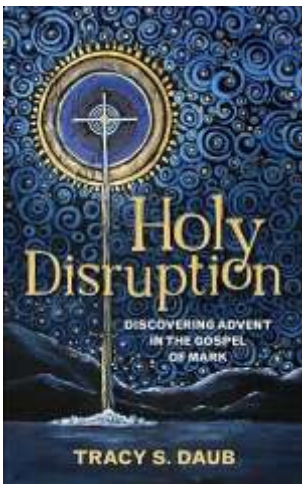


***All we ask is that you sign up at church or RSVP by email by November 26<sup>th</sup>***

*Best regards and looking forward,  
Dan and Laurie ( [danlaurie1@hotmail.com](mailto:danlaurie1@hotmail.com) )*

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## New Advent Book Study Starting November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00



Join us Thursdays this Advent Season as we dig deeper into what Jesus' birth means by exploring the Gospel that has no birth story at all with a unique book & video series.

*Holy Disruption* presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world.

Book will be available at the church. We ask for a \$15 donation towards costs.