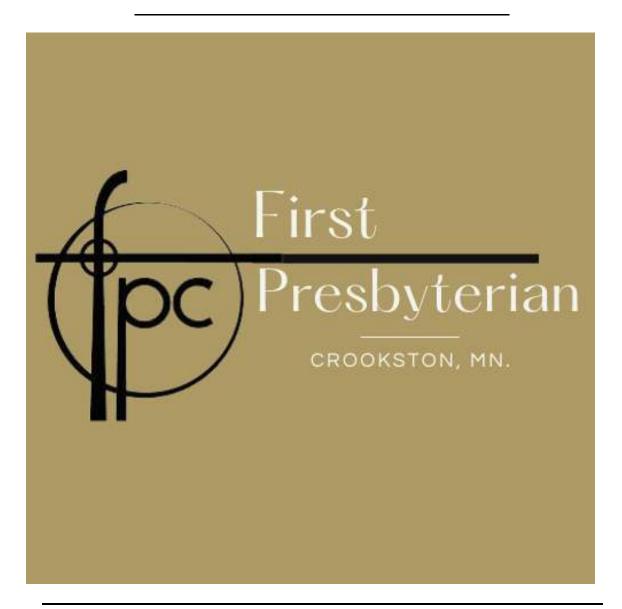
Welcome To Worship



Sunday, Jan. 14th, 2024

*Those who are able may stand

PRELUDE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS AN INVITATION TO REST

OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)

Philip heard God's vioce in Jesus', calling him to follow.

We come listening for God's voice.

Nathanail heard Jesus' voice in Philip, calling him to follow.

We come listening for God's voice.

Our minds, bodies and souls belong to God.

We come listening for God's voice.

As God speaks through his people past and present.

We come listening for God's voice.

With ears ready and hearts open.

Let is worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN

#634

To God Be the Glory

KYRIE

(Confession need not be a somber affair. It can be a joyful and thankful moment, like tired shoulders dropping a heavy burdens. Grace means confession is just a "hallelujah" dressed in truth telling. For this reason, we begin and end our "Confession" with "I love you lord". A joyful song expressing how our confession is an act of love towards the God who's love first called us home.)

I love you lord, And I lift my voice, To worship you, Oh my soul, rejoice....

CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)

God of Grace, forgive us.

Though we need you to guide us, we listen only to ourselves or those like us.

Though we need your discipline, we fight for control or our pride.

Though you promise a well of peace within us, we console ourselves with privilege and isolation from those in need.

For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people Most lost. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided selves with your ways, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

KYRIE

Take joy my king In what you hear.

May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ears.

SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

May you be convinced that neither death, nor life, nor powers of all kinds nor

things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hallelujah and Amen!

*RESPONSE HYMN

#452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

*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.

READING 2...... Luke 2: 41-47

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

SERMON MLK and "Rediscovering Lost Values"

ATTENTIVE STILLNESS

(We invite you to close your eyes and take a silent moment to simply "be" and listen for how God's "still, small voice" might be speaking to you through what you just heard)

CONTEMPLATION HYMN #69 Here I Am

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.

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

*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: #726 Will You Come and Follow Me

*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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Sunday- January 14th, 2024

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters...... Jon & Merrie Nelson

OrganistCaleb MendezMusic DirectorSandy PerkinsReaderMarsha Odom

Thursday 18th Saturday 20th

1:00pm Book Study 9am – 3:00pm Congregational Vision & Values Retreat

@ Trinity Lutheran

5pm – 8:00pm Care 7 Share Fundraising Gala @ Eagles Hall

Next Sunday- January 21st, 2024

10:45 am Worship

11:45 am Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters...... Craig & Conner Morgan

Organist.....Caleb MendezMusic Director.....Sandy PerkinsReader.....Lynne Mullins

Special Announcements

Congregational Values & Vision Retreat

Saturday January 20th 9am – 3:00pm

Along side trinity Lutheran Church and other congregations, each congregation will be led through a process to discern and clarify their core values and a vision for where God is leading each as a church as we move into the future. To get there we need at least five FPC members, individuals who care about our future together as well as understand our past, to join us for this special day retreat.

If you are interested in participating as a part of that team or have any questions, please contact Pastor Mike.

Contact pastorozaki@gmail.com or (951) 532-5105



Sign Up For Lenten Soup & Reflections

Wednesdays @ 5:30-7:00, Feb. 21st – March 27th

Looking forward to our annual Lenten gatherings with food and reflections to chew on together.

BUT FIRST

We need to know who is willing provide a pot of soup, stew, chili or other comfort food options and on which days.

Pease fill out the sign-up sheet or contact the office to let us know if you plan to attend and what evenings you are willing to bring food.

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Church Maze

Angel Maze

