

First Presbyterian Church of Willmar, MN
December 7, 2025

Receiving the Gift: How Does It Work?



Welcome to worship this morning at First Presbyterian Church! This is the place where we bring our whole selves to God and worship the one who created us and loves us. It is also the place where we grow in community with each other, discovering a family of faith where we love and support each other, accepting one another as we are and learning to follow Jesus more closely in our lives. We are all better because you are here, part of this community. You are welcome just as you are!

We will be passing the offering plate today during worship. This is about much more than collecting an offering; it is a spiritual discipline that helps us form connections. As the plate is passed to you, we invite you to take a moment to silently dedicate your gifts to God, whether you place something in the plate or give electronically. Or use the opportunity to share your prayer requests or contact information using one of the cards available.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcement

Moment For Mission - Willmar Community Closet

***Call Worship & Advent Candle Lighting**

We are a people who seek peace.

**We know that God has told us to turn our weapons of war
into instruments that benefit all humanity.**

In the name of that Child who was born long ago
to become the Prince of Peace, we now light the Candle of Peace.

Children's Message: Peace

***Song of Adoration** Insert "We Wait In Hope" Jim Hughes/© 2010 International Liturgy Publications

Call to Confession and Lament

Prayer of Confession and Lament

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Gratitude Insert "God With Us" ©2013 Open Hands Music/So Essential Tunes/Integrity's Praise! Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 5:27-31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Receiving the Gift: How Does It Work?"

Hymn of Affirmation Insert "Even So Come"

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Prayers of the People and 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. Amen, amen, amen.

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion

The God of glory be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving. **We lift them towards God.**

Let us offer our thanks to God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he whose coming we await with joy. Hosanna in the highest.

***Sending Song #384 (GG) "Soon and Very Soon"** Crouch/SOON AND VERY SOON

*Charge & Benediction

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Postlude