

CELEBRATING THE PAST



**150th
Anniversary
1870 - 2020**

**First
Presbyterian
Church
Willmar, MN**

COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE

ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP

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Please join in speaking **bolded** text.
Masks are required for worship.*

Celebrating the Past

Prelude

Ring the Bell

Processional

“Amazing Grace”
Jake McLellan, Bagpiper

Welcome

Recognition of 50 Year Members

Recognition of Pastors

***Call to Worship (Psalm 89:1, 90:1-2)**

One: We will sing of the Lord’s great love forever;

**All: With our mouths we will make Your faithfulness known
through all generations.**

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the
earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

***Hymn of Praise**

“To God Be the Glory”

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, Music by William H. Doane
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**To God be the glory - great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
and give him the glory - great things he hath done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To every believer, the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(Chorus)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Chorus)

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

One: Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge.

All: **We ask for your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful – in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation – to your word and your ways.**

One: Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings. Forgive us for not loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and for not loving our neighbors – and each other – as we ought.

All: Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow you with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that you intend for us.

One: Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving you, our Great and Faithful God.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Lamentations 3:21-23)

One: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"What a Friend"

Words and Music by Abbie Parker, Adam Palmer, Matt Maher, and Matthew Hein

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Our Formation in the Present

Children's Time [Leanne]

***Hymn of Praise** [Jill and Music Team]

"Ancient Words"

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo

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**Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, word of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where e'er we roam, ancient words will lead us home.**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

**Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age, came to us through
sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart.**

Scripture Lesson

Message

***Affirmation of Faith: "Apostles' Creed"**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Special Music

"Be Not Afraid"

Invitation to Offering

We are not passing the offering plate today. You are welcome to leave your offering in the offering plates by either door. We are thankful for your continued faithfulness, sending your offerings to the church and giving online.

So we take this moment to give thanks, because you have been faithful givers of your time, talents, and treasures. Let us pray:

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south
and from east and west
to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast that he has prepared.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God,
you made the world to hum in harmony;
you listened and you called it good.

In time we broke off from singing the song
and went our own way,
but you called us back
and when the time was right
you came in flesh and blood to live as one of us.
In Christ, dividing walls are broken down –
no Jew or Greek,
male and female,
slave or free.
You are there on every spectrum,
in every color,
at every table.

Holy One, who came as a child, we pray for your children everywhere.

For those who are hungry, we pray for nourishment...
For those who are fleeing, we pray for safety...
For those who are ill, we pray for healing...
For those who are grieving, we pray for your peace...
For those who are suffering, we pray for your presence...

Holy Three, who patterns community, we pray for communities everywhere.

For those who are divided, we pray for unity...
For those who are isolated, we pray for connection...
For those who are afraid, we pray for your courage...
For those who are frustrated, we pray for new hope...

We pray especially for those in our own community who suffer this day...

Holy Three-in-One and One-in-Three,
bless us in the work of faith, that we might be truly faithful.
Nourish us in the labor of love, that we might show your love.
Keep our hope steadfast,
that we might know your grace and your peace
as we wait for your coming reign
of justice and overwhelming love.

With confidence in your love for us, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

When Jesus was at table with his disciples
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat.
Whenever you do this, remember me.

In the same way he took and poured the cup,
saying: Take and drink.
Whenever you do this, remember me.

By your Spirit, make us one.
By your Spirit make us whole.
By your Spirit, make this bread and wine
your body and blood,
that we may know communion with you
and with each other.

Take our hearts, our lives, our hands;
mold us, change us, and send us out,
that we may be your body in the world you so love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Special Music

Prayer After Communion

O God, send us out from the Lord's Table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet on his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

Committed to the Future

Hymn of Dedication

“Here I Am, Lord”

Words and Music by Dan Schutte

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**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Closing Words

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

“Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me”

Words and Music by Kinley Lange

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**Take up your cross and follow me, lift of the yoke of your salvation,
put on the armor of the Word, and walk in the Truth and Light.**

**What would it profit you, to gain the world for a day?
If you would have your life, first, you must give it away.**

**Take up your cross and follow me, lift up the yoke of your salvation,
put on the armor of the Word, and walk in the Truth and Light.**

**What would it profit you, to gain the world for a day?
If you would have your life, first, you must give it away.**

**Take up your cross and follow me, lift up the yoke of your salvation,
put on the armor of the Word, and walk in the Truth and Light,
and walk in the Truth and Light.**

Recessional

Select Scottish Tunes
Jake McLellan, Bagpiper

Postlude

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Words and Music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel and Civilla Durfee Martin
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**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman

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**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name
(repeat)**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

Worship Leaders

Preacher:	Scott Thompson
Officiant:	Mark Chamberlain
	Leanne Thompson
Liturgists:	Elaine Boyd
	Carol Reed
	Kathy Terpstra
	Richard Underdahl-Pierce
	Duane Lookingbill
Organist:	Rick Berg
Pianists:	Jill Boeyink
	Elaine Boyd
Flutist:	Lorie Skaro-Johnson
Bagpiper:	Jake McLellan
Vocalists:	Becky Armstrong
	Darcy Gubrud
	Jon Gubrud
	Karen Lange



150th Anniversary Task Force

Sharon Bakker, Chair
Tammy Douglas
Marie Grunwald
Betty Knutson
Lori Manzer
Bea Ourada

Honorary Members:

Bob Anderson
Jill Boeyink
Linda Jans
Gary Manzer

Ministers who served the church:

Installed Pastors:

James A. McGowan	1870-1871
William J. Hoar	1872
James Rodgers	1873-1875
John McKee	1876-1877
W. J. Harvey	1878-1880
Joseph W. Cochran	1881-1882
John Wood	1883-1884
Lou Wallace Gade	1884
H. G. Birchby	1884
C. T. Burnley	1885-1888
Charles S. Marvin	1888
H. H. McCreary	1889-1891
C. Harmon Johnson	1892-1903
H. C. Buell	1903-1909
David B. Spencer	1910-1912
William S. Dodd	1912-1914
W. B. Jones	1915-1919
J. Renwick McCullough	1919-1925
William L. Cain	1925-1935
Paul Main Fowler	1935-1944
M. Halsted Gates	1945-1947
Clifford R. Channer	1947-1964
Keith B. Roepke	1965- 1972
*Lawrence Selig	1973-1982
*James Stuart	1983-1987
*Beverly Crute	1985-1992 (Assistant Pastor, Associate Pastor)
*Samuel Buffat	1989-1997
*Teresa Roberts (Chamberlain)	1999-2003
*Richard Underdahl-Peirce	2005-2012
*Scott & *Leanne Thompson	2013 - present

Interim Pastors:

Gordon Scoville	1971 (Roepke leave of absence)
Lloyd Peterson	1975 (during Selig tenure)
Rueben Tjaden	1982-1983
Wilburn Loessin	1998
*Harold Spann	1999
*Douglas Lookingbill	2002-2004
*Carol Reed	2004
*James Crawford	2012
*Kathy Terpstra	2019 (Thompson sabbatical)