

CELEBRATING IN WORSHIP

September 5, 2010 - 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

Silent Meditation

Welcome and Announcements (Please sign Friendship Register and pass it down the pew)

Call to Worship:

Leader: Hear the choices God sets before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity.

People: O God, you have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and every move we make.

Leader: Listen to the ordinances of God; love God and walk in the way God commands.

People: O God, we will listen for your words. We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's law; blessed are those who meditate on God's Word.

People: Wonderful are all your works, O God. We are your creation; we are in your hands.

*Opening Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #267

Silent Prayer of Confession

A Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting with you. O God, show us the way to a better life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Grace to you and peace from God our Parent. Refresh your hearts in Jesus Christ our Savior, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Receive the living water God offers to all who come in true repentance and searching faith. The Holy Spirit will never leave us or forsake us. Our helper is ever available and eager to respond to our prayers. Come, there is a place at God's banquet table for you.

*Response of Praise *Glorify Thy Name* STF #2016

*The Peace

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 40:3-5* P. 667

New Testament Reading *Mark 1:1-8* P. 34

Sermon *A New Power*

We Respond

*Hymn of Response *Sacred the Body* STF #2228

*Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us, we are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #592
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offertory Prayer of Dedication
**Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with you. We have no way
to repay you for all we have received from your hands. Yet we want to give our
best to the work you call us to do through this community of seekers. We enter,
with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love
through your world. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Preparation *Change my Heart, O God* STF #2152

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is right that we give you our thanks and praise, O God...

Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Sending

*Hymn *May You Run and Not Be Weary* STF #2281
(Twice through)

*Our Mission
**To be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach
out to others to share the love of God and celebrate the good news of Jesus
Christ through worship, prayer, thought and action.**

*Benediction

*Response

Postlude

*All who are able please stand
Liturgist: Dagne Forbes
Offering Steward: Joni Lordeman

Announcements

Flowers for the Worship Service

You are invited to give flowers to brighten our worship. Choose a date to honor someone special, and sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. For information or questions, call Grace Covey (233-4691), Mary Skalet (236-5559), Marion DeJong (233-3041) or Ruth Mathews (233-4469). Thank you!

Rally Sunday is Coming – September 12

Rally Sunday is a fun way to kick off the fall worship season and come together as friends with music, food and fellowship. Following the worship service everyone is invited to join in a light picnic lunch. The grills will be fired up by the New Life Committee to cook the brats and other good things to go with them. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. So plan to join us for worship, food and fellowship on Sunday, September 12.

Getting to Know You!

Every week there is a message in your bulletin asking everyone to wear their name tags on Sunday during worship and fellowship. Now that Pastor John is on board and he and his family are meeting and getting to know all of us, let's be even more mindful of wearing those name tags to help them out. Thank you!

Summer Produce Sales

Thanks to the Martin family and the youth group, garden produce is available for purchase. We hope to have tomatoes, squash and watermelon yet this season. Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall to see what's available this week. Funds raised will support youth ministry at First Presbyterian of Moorhead. Thank you!

CE Work Day

Our classrooms need some cleaning and re-organizing this week. Consider helping out on Tuesday morning, September 7th at 9:30 am. Tasks for all skill levels are available.

Youth Group (gr. 4-7)

Our first meeting of the year will be a time of fun and games on Sunday, September 12th at 4:00 – 5:30 pm here at the church. Bring a friend! Scott has some fun things planned!

Youth Group (gr. 8-12)

Join us Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm for a “welcome back” pizza supper. After supper we'll play games, share summer stories, and do some planning for the year ahead.

Pastoral Search

The Session has met with Presbytery people and a member of the Committee on Ministry. Decisions facing Session at this point are: 1) A mission self-study will be done: this is a visioning process and we look to our church members for input in this endeavor. The goal is to complete this mission self-study by October. 2) The Pastor Nominating Committee selection will be starting soon. If you think you would be interested in serving, contact Walt Worman (weworman@aol.com) 3) A congregational meeting will be called when we have nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee - they must be elected by the congregation. So we have a lot of work to do in the next few months. Please be patient. It is a long process to discern who will be called to be our next pastor.

Worship Notes

Flowers on the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God from Janet & Gerry VanAmburg.

Please sign the Friendship Register, and pass it down the pew. Record yourself and all members of your family at church. Welcome visitors! Whether you are here from out of town or looking for a community in which to worship regularly, we hope that you feel God's presence in our midst. We would be happy to provide more information about our congregation. Please feel free to talk with our pastor or provide your contact information in the Friendship Register.

Large print hymnals, bulletins and hearing devices are available. Ask an usher for assistance, and please return them to the narthex table.

Name Tags -- We would like to encourage all of our members and regular participants to wear nametags on Sundays.

Childcare is available for young children through five years of age in the church nursery from 10:15 am-11:30 a.m.

Sunday – September 5

10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship
12 - 4 pm Korean Fellowship

Monday– September 6

Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday – September 7

9 am-Noon Office Hours
9:30 am Christian Education Work Day
7 pm Committees

Wednesday – September 8

9 am-Noon Office Hours
6:30 pm Youth Group (gr. 8-12) “Welcome Back” supper
7 pm Choir

Thursday –September 9

9 am-Noon Office Hours
12 Noon Yarn Club at Caribou Coffee

Friday – September 10

9 am-Noon Office Hours

Sunday–September 12

9:15 am Church School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship & Rally Day picnic
12 - 4 pm Korean Fellowship
4 pm Youth Group (gr. 4-7)