



*'So now I bring
the first of the fruit
of the ground
that you, O Lord,
have given me.'*

Deuteronomy 26: 10

Holy Spirit, certain that the call is for someone else. Turn us around we pray, that we might receive forgiveness and enter into a time of true thanksgiving. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (responsive)

God hears the confession of our hearts and our lips. God does not put us to shame, but deals wondrously with us, restoring our lives and blessing us with peace.

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Hymnal # 654

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Bogar Mendiola

Gracious God, whose mercy in Jesus Christ is still available to us today, may our lives aspire to the wholeness you offer, daily giving thanks in word and deed for the opportunities you afford us and for the generosity of your abundant grace. May our witness be a force for good among your people, as we join together in praising you. Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 12: 15-21

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ANTHEM

“Sing To The Lord of Harvest”

arr. Larkin

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love!*

*God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing!
God fills us with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.*

*Bring to His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
and with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all!*

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

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SERMON

First Fruits

Katie Estes

***HYMN**

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymnal # 37

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

“Alleluia” and “Discipleship Medley”

Tate

*RESPONSE

“A Grateful Heart”
(v. 1 only)

Hymnal # 652

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We rejoice in this opportunity to thank you, gracious God, with a portion of the bounty you provide for our use and with our promises of continuing support and faithfulness to the ministry of this congregation. Use our gifts and our pledges to point us beyond greed to generosity, beyond ourselves to your world in need. We seek to answer your call to responsible stewardship and faithful mission. Bless our efforts, multiply our love, receive our deepest thanks and praise. Amen.

*HYMN

“Keep Us Whole”
(v. 1 choir only, vs. 2-3 all)

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

“Keep Us Whole”
(v. 4)

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*POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Becky & Kathy Finkle

Ushers: Barb & Mel Hunt, Wayne Otto,
Teddy Rossow

Acolyte: Deshawn Estes Collins

Lector: Bogar Mendiola

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul. We are delighted that you have joined us to worship the Living God. **If you are a first time worship guest**, we extend a special welcome to you. Know that as our guest, you are invited to participate in any of the programs offered and we do not expect you to contribute when the offering is received. Today, your presence with us is your offering to God.

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If you have a prayer request, please use the yellow request cards in the pews. Give the card to an usher before worship or during the first hymn so it can be included in our prayers of the people today and passed on to the prayer chain as well.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We also have professional childcare available for infants and children up to 5 years. The nursery is located at the top of the stairs in the upper level of the Education wing and is always available on those days your child may be restless. If you have an infant who begins to cry during the service, feel free to go into the library with your child and continue to hear the service on the speaker.

Please join us after the worship service for a time of fellowship in the Commons. Coffee, juice and treats are available for a minimal charge for members and at no cost for guests. Come and connect with old and new friends as we enjoy fellowship together.

On The Calendar

Today, November 22

Stewardship/Thanksgiving Sunday

8:30 a.m. Education for All

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

11:00 a.m. Apple Pie Distribution

Monday, November 23

4:00 p.m. CPM

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 24

7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, November 25

No Choir/Music Rehearsals

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service

@ Clark-Grace UCC

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day, Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Sr. High Youth Wreath-Making and Adopt-a-Family Shopping

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent/Baptism

8:30 a.m. Education for All

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

11:30 a.m. Confirm. Youth Adopt-a-Family Shopping

Next Sunday, November 29



Scripture: Luke 21: 25-36

Theme: First Sunday of Advent: Wait/Baptism

Music: "My Soul in Stillness Waits," Festival Choir

Adult Education: Annie Young, artist currently on display

Announcements

Don't forget your apple pie! Those who pre-ordered apple pies may pick up theirs at the table in the Commons.

Today is the last day to order wreaths and swags. Stop by the table in the Commons to place your order. They will be available to pick up before and after worship next Sunday.

Forget your pledge card this morning? There are extra cards available in the pews. Pledges will be received during the offering.

Get an early start on your holiday shopping by purchasing Scrip today! Scrip cards can be used for your every day purchases and also make great Christmas gifts. Your purchase of these cards at face value also gives the church a gift of a rebate. Stop by the table in the Commons after worship and make your purchases. Cards not on hand today will be delivered next Sunday.

Plan now, give now, for the Deacon's Adopt-a-Family event on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm. Monetary donations of any size are needed so that we can shop—please indicate that your gift is for the *Deacon* Adopt-a-Family. Participants are needed for our shopping and wrapping excursion on December 6. Sign up in the Commons.

Join your neighbors for the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service this coming Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be at Clark-Grace United Church of Christ, 779 15th Avenue North, South St Paul.

The church office will be closed November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Senior High Youth: Your help is needed to assemble wreaths and shop for our Adopt-a-Family. We'll meet at church this Saturday, November 28, at 8 am, then go to Brad's warehouse to construct our wreaths. Following that, we'll grab lunch then head to Target to shop. Confirm with Ruth that you are able to attend. Drivers are needed.

Confirmation Youth: We will do our Adopt-a-Family shopping next Sunday, November 29. We'll gather after worship, have lunch together, head to Target to shop for our families, then back to church to wrap presents. Drivers are also needed.

Kids Club: We will be going to the Stepping Stone Theater on Sunday, December 6, to see a production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." We'll gather after worship for lunch, then head to the show. Sign up on the kiosk to attend.

A-caroling we will go to make the season merry for our home-bound members on Sunday, December 13. We will gather after worship for a soup lunch, then head out to go Christmas caroling. This is a great event for everyone regardless of your singing abilities - families are especially welcome! Song sheets will be provided, sign-up on the sheet on the kiosk in the Commons.

There was a bright, sunny result on the dreary trip to Feed My Starving Children last Monday: our volunteers filled 25 of the 109 boxes that were packed with food! There will be 63 Haitian children that will be enjoying a good nourishing meal for 365 days. Our next date to go to FMSC is December 14, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Sign up—see you there!