

A dramatic sunset sky with a sailboat mast silhouette. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The sailboat mast is a dark silhouette on the right side of the image, with rigging lines extending across the sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**“WHO THEN  
IS THIS, THAT  
EVEN THE WIND  
AND THE SEA  
OBEY  
HIM?”**

**MARK 4:41**

# First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2015

10:00 a.m.

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Prelude on St. Catherine”

Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Watson

CENTERING SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.

Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.**

**Yet we catch glimpses of God’s mercy and care.**

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and fearful.

Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.**

**The needy and the poor are not forgotten by God.**

God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.

See, now is the acceptable time, the day of our salvation.

**Surely God will meet us here in our community of faith!**

**How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!**

\*HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*Hymnal # 8*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Help us, O God, for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in helplessness and self-pity, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy. We confess that is easier to see the problems than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed, to be saved, to be loved, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

The good news is that at the very moment we feel we have lost our way, we find God sheltering us with love, with grace, with joy.

**Gathered up in God's grace, we become forgiven and whole.**

**We can lift glad songs of joy to the One who makes us new.**

**\*RESPONSE**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”  
(vs. 1, 4)

*Hymnal # 753*

## **A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Patty Bourgoin

**Holy Teacher, whose word rebuked the wind and stilled the sea, whose trust in all that is eternal transcended the betrayal of friends and the cruelty of enemies, speak to us here in the midst of our own particular needs. Let your good news abide in us with a transforming sense of peace that we can share with others. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

I Samuel 17: 31-49

*O.T. p. 261*

**ANTHEM**

“My Song Will Be for You Forever”

*Haas*

Bill Doyle

*My song will be for you forever. You, the music in my heart.  
For your love is all around me, and your goodness always here.*

*You have clothed me in your promise, You, my love, my light, my friend.  
You, the way and path before me. You will lead and guide me home.*

*I am here to be your servant; you anoint me with your love.  
You will hold me in my longing, all my hope in your embrace.*

*With your voice you sing within me. You, the one who knows me well.  
You, my joy, my life, and blessing. When you call you know my name.*

*I will pledge my love forever. I will call your name out loud.  
I will reach my hand out to you, and I know you'll reach for me.*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 4: 35-41

*N.T. p. 39*

**SERMON**

**While God Was Sleeping**

Tom Watson

**\*HYMN**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*Hymnal # 721*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

### **RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION TO SHARE**

**OFFERTORY**

“I've Got Peace Like a River”

*arr. Keveren*

**\*RESPONSE**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Hymnal # 607*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**Gracious God, we thank you for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Go to the World!”

Hymnal # 295

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## Report from the Nominating Committee

### Elders

Rex Boutelle  
Tom Brazill  
Bill Doyle  
Kathy Doyle  
Jill Johnson  
Rochelle LeTourneau  
Connie Prall  
Jennifer Rose  
Andy Tourville

### Deacons

Laura Doty  
Mikayla Eldredge  
Kathy Finkle  
Phyllis Hahn  
Maureen Kutz  
Syd Lee  
Heather Marschinke  
Steffi Ross  
Emily Watson

### Nominating

Laura Doty  
Paul Eger  
Jody Glowaski  
Dave Hanson  
Sue Tourville



## SERVING US TODAY

**Greeters:** Mike, Julie, Sydney & Greta  
Vigness-Pint

**Ushers:** Randy Bourgoïn, Laura Doty,  
Bill & LaVonne Peters

**Acolyte:** James Eiden

**Lector:** Patty Bourgoïn

**Coffee Servers:** Jim & Pam Vasseur

**The flowers on the chancel this morning**  
are provided by Ruth Nelson, in grateful  
memory of Lee

**Music Director:** Linda Kachelmeier

**Organist:** Jen Bierlein

**Pastors:** Katie Estes, Tom Watson

**Youth Coordinator:** Ruth Buller

**Church Administrator:** Eleta Pierce

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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.

**Photos and/or video may be taken during this worship service.** FPC-SSP reserves the right to use said photos or video in church publications, including, but not limited to, bulletins, newsletters, the church website, and social media sites. If you prefer not to appear in these photos or video, please talk to one of the ushers.

**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, Sunday, June 28**

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship

### **Monday, June 29**

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Wednesday, July 1**

- Project Home*
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Acoustic Jam
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### **Thursday, July 2**

- Project Home*
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
- 6:00 p.m. NA Board

### **Friday, July 3**

- Project Home*
- Church Office Closed*
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Saturday, July 4**

- Project Home*

### **Sunday, July 5**

- Project Home*
- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

## Next Sunday, July 5

**Scripture:** Mark 6: 1-13

**Theme:** A Prophet in their Hometown

**Music:** “America the Beautiful”

**Adult Ed:** God in Popular Culture



## Announcements

**Please be seated after the benediction this morning.** We will have a brief congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Elders & Deacons.

**This afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** we will have a forum and light supper with Tyler and Rochelle Holm, missionaries in Malawi, through the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Rochelle manages the Mzuzu University Water and Sanitation Centres, which are committed to increasing the availability and sustainable of clean water and improved sanitation in northern Malawi and beyond. Tyler teaches theology at the University of Livingstonia, one of the synod's institutions. Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons so that we can plan enough food.

**Stop by and purchase your Scrip cards after worship this morning.** Cards not on hand may be picked up next Sunday, July 5, or in the church office the following week.

**Volunteers needed in July for Project Home!** For the entire month of July our Fellowship Hall will become a homeless shelter through *Project Home*. Many of you have volunteered in the past and we are hoping you will return again this year. If you have never volunteered in this way to try it—this is a wonderful way to help your community in a very personal and hands-on way. We are also looking for some folks who would like to plan and lead activities for our guests. Stop by the table in the Commons to ask any questions and to sign up.

**The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3,** in observance of Independence Day.

**Do you play an acoustic instrument, even if you just know a few chords?** Every Wednesday night through July at 7:00, Jason Johnson will host an informal jam session at church. Bring your guitar, ukulele, bass, harmonica, spoons, etc. and/or your voice. The ability to read music is not necessary.

**Camp in a Van starts in one week, have you registered your children?** This week of games, worship, activities and fun will be here July 6—10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. This experience is for kids of preschool age through those who have completed fifth grade, and is not limited to church members! Cost is \$40.00 for the whole week. Youth are encouraged to sign up as helpers. Registration forms are available at the display in the Commons.

**A congregational meeting has been set for Sunday, July 19** following worship for the purpose of approving a loan to repair/replace the flat roof. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Six Month Giving Statements** will not be mailed as in the past. If you are curious about where you stand as of June 30, please let Lois Glewwe know at 651-457-3403 or [lglewwe@hotmail.com](mailto:lglewwe@hotmail.com) and she will be happy to print one for you.

**The First Friday Film will be held on the second Friday in July, the 10th.** We will be watching *McFarland USA*, (rated PG), a sports drama film directed by Niki Caro and produced by Walt Disney Pictures, based on the true story of a 1987 cross country team from a predominantly Mexican-American high school, starring Kevin Costner.