

Prophets are not without honor,



Except ...

in their home town,

and among their own kin,

and in their own house.

Mark 6: 4

First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2015

10:00 a.m.

**please stand in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Finlandia”

arr. Line

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Watson

CENTERING SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

Help us to receive God’s word and direction for our lives.

Proclaim the goodness of God’s love!

Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.

Come, now is the time to worship.

Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day.

*HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Hymnal # 339

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Katie Estes

Gracious God, we hear you calling. You have shown us hope and you offer us courage. We come to you as people who long to walk your pathways of grace and love. But many times, God, we get discouraged by our living. We are afraid of the difficult experiences; we despair at challenges that are given to us. The roads we walk find us weary sometimes, and we let hopelessness get the best of us. Care for us on our journey, God. Help us to know that your love is always there, sustaining us, and surrounding us with care. Take our road-weary lives and transform us to be your new people, shining in the darkness. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

God is merciful and gracious, full of forgiveness,
abounding in love and overflowing with blessing.

Let us receive the gift of forgiveness

and live this day with new hope and the strength to love.

*RESPONSE

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Hymnal # 753

(v. 1 only)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Chris Ross

Holy One, our souls wait for you; in your words we find hope. Open our hearts to embrace your love, open our minds to receive your teaching, open our hands to accept the task you set before us, to live together as your children and love each other as Christ loves us. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

II Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

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ANTHEM

“America the Beautiful”

Moore

Linda Kachelmeier, soloist

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

GOSPEL

Mark 6: 1-13

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SERMON

Taking Offense

Tom Watson

*HYMN

“This is My Song”

Hymnal # 340

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

set. *Whitsett*

*RESPONSE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal # 643

(v. 1 only)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, in the richness of your grace, you have freely bestowed upon us every spiritual blessing. With praise and grateful hearts, we return to you these offerings of our lives, that they might accomplish what you will according to your love and wisdom. Amen.

*HYMN

“God of the Nations, Whose Almighty Hand”

Hymnal # 331

(vs. 1-3)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

“God of the Nations, Whose Almighty Hand”
(v. 4)

Hymnal # 331

*POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Bill & LaVonne Peters

Ushers: Barb & Mel Hunt,
Linda Kachelmeier

Lector: Chris Ross

Coffee Servers: Carol & Chuck Morris

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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, July 5 *Project Home*

8:30 a.m. Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, July 6 *Project Home*

9:00 a.m. Camp in a Van
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 7 *Project Home*

9:00 a.m. Camp in a Van
5:30 p.m. Youth @ Project Home
6:30 p.m. Property
7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday, July 8 *Project Home*

9:00 a.m. Camp in a Van
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Acoustic Jam
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, July 9 *Project Home*

8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
9:00 a.m. Camp in a Van
6:30 p.m. Personnel
7:00 p.m. Mission
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

Friday, July 10 *Project Home*

9:00 a.m. Camp in a Van
7:00 p.m. First Friday Film
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, July 11 *Project Home*

Sunday, July 12 *Project Home*

8:30 a.m. Adult Education
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:15 a.m. Special Session

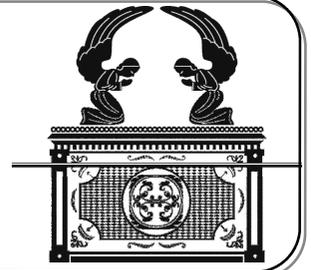
Next Sunday, July 12

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12-19

Theme: Glorify God!

Music: Paul Eger, clarinet

Adult Ed: Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism



Announcements

Shop the Farmer's Market after worship!

We are in our third season of our free-will farmers market. Our goal is to make sure that everyone has access to fresh fruits and veggies. Is your home garden producing more than you can consume? Donate it to the market! Any produce left over from the market is given to the food shelf at Neighbors Inc.

Don't forget to pick up your Scrip cards after worship this morning. If you ordered cards last week, they are available at the table in the North Commons.

Overnight volunteers are especially needed all month for Project Home! For the entire month of July our Fellowship Hall is a homeless shelter through *Project Home*. We still have some evening volunteer spots open from 5:30-8:30 p.m., and we have quite a few overnight spots that need to be filled. Overnight hosts volunteer from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. on weekdays and to 9:30 a.m. on weekends. Main responsibilities include conversing with guests, locking the building before bedtime, waking up guests, serving a light breakfast, and locking the building after the guests have left. Stop by the table in the Commons to ask any questions or to sign up.

Camp in a Van starts tomorrow! This week of games, worship, activities and fun will be here from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day this week.

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.

Join us for the Friday Film on July 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will be watching—in the new, comfy chairs—the movie *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.

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.

We had 10 volunteers at the evening session at *Feed My Starving Children* on Monday, June 22. The almost 8,000 meals that were packed that night will feed 22 Nicaraguan children for an entire year. Yeah! Our July date is set for the afternoon of July 20, 2:30-4:30 p.m. We have seen photos of children in places where the food is being received. Please sign up on the kiosk and join us in this rewarding event. It makes us feel good as well as the children it serves.

Summertime brings a lot of great photo opportunities. While you are browsing through the pictures that you took at the family reunion, graduation, on vacation, etc., be on the look out for one that you can use to update the photo in your church directory listing. You can email it to Eleta, or bring it to her when she's in the office to scan, and she can make the update to your listing.