

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me
will never go hungry.
He who believes in me
will never be thirsty.

First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2015

10:00 a.m.

**please stand in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

“Songs of the Spirit”

arr. Lutz & Tate

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Watson

CENTERING SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O God, you are our God, we seek you, our souls thirst for you;

Our flesh faints for you,

as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

our lips will praise you.

So we will bless you as long as we live;

we will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast,

and our mouths praise you with joyful lips.

*HYMN

“Together We Serve”

Hymnal # 767

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Katie Estes

O God, we confess that we have not acknowledged you as the source of our successes, our substance, ourselves. We have been far more ready to complain when things go wrong than to praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls. We have allowed religious words and forms to substitute for living encounters with persons you have called us to love. Forgive us and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your love. Strengthen us and inspire us to new depth of devotion. Restore to us the joy of knowing you and recognizing your reign among us. We pray in the Spirit of Christ. 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**

“Thy Word”

Hymnal # 458

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dave Hanson

Holy God, whose word we have heard again and again, show us your will for us once more. Open our ears to hear your word this day in a fresh way, open our wills to respond with renewed purpose, open our lips to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

O.T. p. 62

ANTHEM

“All Night, All Day”
Connie Prall and Linda Kachelmeier

arr. Ford Simms

GOSPEL

John 6: 24-35

N.T. p. 98

SERMON

Feeding Time

Tom Watson

***HYMN**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Hymnal # 300

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

“Cavalleria Rusticana”

Mascagni

***RESPONSE**

“Give Thanks”

Hymnal # 647

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

God of infinite love and unending challenge, help us to listen to your call. Inspire us to reflect your love. Strengthen us to do your will. Accept and use these our varied gifts with which we have been richly blessed in the service of others. All this we pray in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”
(vs. 1-3)

Hymnal # 317

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”
(v. 4)

Hymnal # 317

***POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare”

Mathias



SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Ruth Krueger, Dian Rech

Ushers: Nancy Curl, Jody Glowaski,
LaVonne & Bill Peters

Lector: Dave Hanson

Coffee Servers: Sharon & Jim Douglas

The flowers on the chancel this morning are provided by Colette Kasper, in memory her mother, Leona Wicklander

Cover photo: photographer unknown

Music Director: Linda Kachelmeier

Organist: Jen Bierlein

Pastors: Katie Estes, Tom Watson

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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

Sunday, August 2

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 11:00 p.m. New Member Inquiry Class

Monday, August 3

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 4

- 6:30 p.m. Property
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday, August 5

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 6

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Study Group
- 6:00 p.m. NA Board
- 6:30 p.m. College Youth Reunion

Friday, August 7

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, August 9

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

Next Sunday, August 9

Scripture: John 6: 41-51

Guest: Erin Marth

Music: Sue Hanson and Linda Kachelmeier, duet

Adult Ed: Video: "Sacred Journeys with Bruce Feiler," part 2



Announcements

New Members Class & Lunch following worship today. Have you been waiting for an opportunity to become a member of this fabulous congregation? Feeling guilty for enjoying the spectacular worship services and even better donuts on Sunday mornings without being able to check the member box when the welcome pad comes by? Well now is your chance! This morning following the worship service, you are invited to come to the Knox Room for lunch and to learn more about our congregation and active membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Attendance does not obligate you to join, but will hopefully help you in making that decision.

Our farmer's market will be open following worship this morning in the Commons. Stop by and shop the selection of fresh vegetables from our Community Garden. Our charge is a free-will offering to help support Neighbors, Inc.'s food shelf.

Come with us on August 10 for our monthly trip to Feed My Starving Children. This will be an evening venture, 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. in Eagan. Each time we go, it is thrilling that so much can be accomplished with so little effort on our part. Even if you can't be there physically, there is always a way to help by supporting the purchase of the food we pack. Sign up on the kiosk to join us, indicate if you need a ride or if it's your first time.

Deacons and Elders: Don't forget to stop by the bench outside of the office and pick up the materials in your folder from the last meeting.

Two different opportunities for enrichment on Wednesdays! Our morning and evening Bible Study classes have started new studies of different topics. Our 9:00 a.m. study is using the groundbreaking book and DVD resource *Body & Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* by theologian, pastor, and popular author M. Craig Barnes, this study reveals the Catechism's true identity as more than a list of doctrinal questions and answers or a cut-and-dried summary of what Christians believe. Our 7:00 p.m. study is reading the book *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* by Fr. Richard Rohr. Along with reading this book, we will practice the work that goes along with each of the steps and experience the vulnerability, understanding and healing that comes from following this process as a group and in our daily lives. Both groups meet in the Truran Library.

Calling all college-age youth who are at least a year past high school graduation and no more than three years past: let's get together! You are invited to a free (!) dinner at Old World Pizza in Inver Grove Heights on Thursday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming by August 4 so we can confirm our numbers at the restaurant.

Joint Elder & Deacon Meeting: Tuesday, August 18 • 6:00 p.m. All current elders and deacons are strongly encouraged to attend the annual joint meeting. We'll start off at church with the meeting, grilling and sharing in a potluck meal. Following the meeting and meal, we'll head to Eagan to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children from 8—9:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck.