

*"This is the bread that comes down from heaven,  
so that one may eat of it and not die."*

*John 6:50*



# First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2015

10:00 a.m.

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Goldston

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Mahoney

### CENTERING SILENCE

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**his praise will always be in my mouth.**

I praise the Lord—

**let the suffering listen and rejoice.**

Magnify the Lord with me!

**Together let us lift his name up high!**

I sought the Lord and he answered me.

**He delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to God will shine;

**their faces are never ashamed.**

This suffering person cried out:

**the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.**

On every side, the Lord’s messenger protects those who honor God;

**and he delivers them.**

Taste and see how good the Lord is!

**The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!**

### \*HYMN

“Gather Us In”

*Hymnal # 401*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Erin Marth

**O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (responsive)

Even in the midst of doubt and fear,  
the love of God is present in us, around us, and shining through us.

**Out of God's great love we have been redeemed and made whole.  
Beloved of God, rejoice and be at peace for we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

*Hymnal # 469*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Bill Francomb

**God of all creation, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**GOSPEL**

John 6:35, 41-51

*N.T. p. 98*

**ANTHEM**

"Here I Am, Lord"

*arr. Carter*

Sue Hanson and Linda Kachelmeier, piano duet

**HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

1 Kings 19: 4-8

*O.T. p. 326*

**SERMON**

**Get Up and Eat**

Erin Marth

**\*HYMN**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

*Hymnal # 509*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION TO SHARE**

**OFFERTORY**

"Give Thanks"

*arr. Elwell*

**\*RESPONSE**

"We Are An Offering"

*Hymnal # 710*

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

**May we imitate your generosity, Gracious God, as we offer these gifts to you. May we model your justice, as we seek to bring hope to those who are hurting all around us. May we share the gift of your love with all who are alone and worried, and simply looking for grace in their lives. This we pray in the name of our Bread, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"  
(vs. 1-3)

*Hymnal # 542*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”  
(v. 4)

*Hymnal # 542*

### \*POSTLUDE

“Get All Excited”

arr. *Ham*



## SERVING US TODAY

**Greeters:** Bette Lou Friedrich, Mary Kayser

**Ushers:** Laura Doty, Syd, August & Willard Lee

**Acolyte:** Lylah Roach

**Guest Preacher:** Erin Marth

**Lector:** Bill Francomb

**Coffee Servers:** Barb & Mel Hunt

**The flowers on the chancel this morning** are provided by the Luhrs family.

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**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

### **Today, Sunday, August 9**

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

### **Monday, August 10**

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:00 p.m. Feed My Starving Children

### **Wednesday, August 12**

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

### **Thursday, August 13**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
- 7:00 p.m. Mission
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

### **Friday, August 14**

- 7:00 p.m. Friday Film Forum
- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Saturday, August 15**

- 8:30 a.m. Book Group
- 10:00 a.m. Library Committee

### **Sunday, August 16**

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 1:15 p.m. Timber Hills Worship

## Next Sunday, August 16

**Scripture:** John 6: 51-58

**Theme:** Communion

**Music:** Chris, Katie & Steffi Ross

**Adult Ed:** “The Nicene Creed” with Tom Watson



### Announcements

**This morning we welcome back Erin Marth to the pulpit.** Erin served this congregation as an intern in 2013-2014, and has since completed her MDiv degree and has also done Clinical Pastoral Education at an area hospital as a Chaplain Resident. She has taken her ordination exams and now awaits final approval from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to seek a call and be ordained in the PC (USA).

**Come with us tomorrow, 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.

**Oops!** July went by so quickly that we are a week late in reminding you all about the “Socks and Undies” drive all through August. The laundry basket is in the Commons waiting for the new items...any sizes, any colors, either boys or girls. Neighbors' clients' children can look forward to some nice, new necessities when they go back to school.

**Bottle Cap Recycling Program Ends:** Aveda has stopped their bottle cap recycling program because most haulers now recycle caps. Because of this, we will no longer collect caps in the bin in the church entryway. Now that plastic cap recycling is even easier, please continue the effort in your own homes. Check with your hauler for instructions.

**Friday Film Forum Presents: “Woman in Gold,”** (PG-13), August 14 at 7:00 p.m. The film is based on the true story of the late Maria Altmann, (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish refugee living in Los Angeles. Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria, together with her young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg, (Ryan Reynolds) fight the government of Austria for almost a decade to reclaim Gustav Klimt's iconic painting of her aunt, *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I*, and several others, which were stolen from her relatives by the Nazis just prior to World War II. Join us in the Knox Room for the movie, treats and discussion.

**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.

**Come to our Summer Celebration:** Outdoor worship and picnic on Sunday, August 23, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will gather on the lawn for worship outside the Fellowship Hall—bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. Music will be led by Peter Buller and all camp participants. The celebration continues after worship with a potluck picnic (hotdogs and beverages provided), a silent auction to support the mission trip fund and camp scholarships, and pictures, game and memories of Clearwater Forest camp, Camp in a Van, and the Chicago and New Orleans youth mission trips.