



“IF ANYONE
DESIRES TO BE FIRST,
HE SHALL BE LAST OF ALL
AND SERVANT OF ALL.”

MARK 9:35, NKJV

First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2015

10:00 a.m.

**please stand in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC "Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend" *Boehm*
(“Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now” - theme and variations)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Watson

CENTERING SILENCE

INTROIT "We Are One in the Spirit" *Scholtes*
Festival Choir

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

**Serving God means receiving each person
as though they were a beloved child.**

Holy One, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

***HYMN** "We Are Called" *Hymnal # 749*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) *Katie Estes*

Blessed Redeemer, we offer our prayer as persons who often feel less than whole. We have experienced losses that have diminished us. We have found our attention to your will divided by other claims upon us. We have sensed an incompleteness to our unity whenever the differences between us seem more important than the one Spirit that gives us common life. We have practiced a fractional faith. We have divided our loyalties in ways that do not allow full service to you, our One and only God. Forgive us and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your love. Strengthen us and inspire us to whole-hearted devotion. We pray with voices united in your name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting;

As far as the east is from the west, so is God's love for us.

Friends, by the grace of God, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.



SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Gene Demko & Joe Rasmusson

Ushers: Lois & Jim Marschinke,
Sarah Marschinke, Mikayla Eldredge

Acolyte: Joakim Mendiola-Johnson

Lector: Gene Demko

Coffee Servers: Jody Glowaski, Charlotte &
Neal Hubbard, Sandy Nelson

The flowers on the chancel this morning
are provided by Jody Glowaski, in
celebration of LaVonne & Bill Peters' 65th
Wedding Anniversary

The cake for Fellowship Hour today is
provided by LaVonne & Bill Peters in
celebration of their 65th Wedding
Anniversary

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, September 20

- 8:30 a.m. Education for All
- 8:30 a.m. Youth Kick-Off Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:30 a.m. Kids Club @ Thompson Park
- 1:15 p.m. Timber Hills Worship

Monday, September 21

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Jubilation Ringers
- 6:15 p.m. Bells of Praise
- 6:30 p.m. Drumming Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 7:15 p.m. Festival Choir

Thursday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
- 7:00 p.m. Session

Friday, September 25

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 27

Baptism

- 8:30 a.m. Education for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Fellowship @ MoA

Next Sunday, September 27

Scripture: Mark 9: 38-50

Theme: Serving/Baptism

Music: “The Earth Adorned,” Festival Choir

Adult Ed: “Feed My Starving Children” with Erin Arndt, Site Supervisor FMSC



Announcements

Kids Club: Pizza party at the park today!

Kids and parents are invited to join together for a welcome back party on Sunday, September 20 after worship. We will meet at Thompson Park in West St. Paul (360 Butler Avenue East) to play at the playground and enjoy a pizza lunch. All food & drinks will be provided. Bring your family, your neighbors, your grandparents, even your dog! We will reconnect after the summer break, celebrate the beginning of Sunday school, and hear about what else is planned for families and kids this program year. Come for a little while or stay all afternoon—your choice.

Scrip is available to purchase following worship.

Scrip is a fundraiser for our church that uses gift cards purchased at face-value. Most people purchase these cards for their every-day purchases. The church receives an instant rebate when you purchase the cards—resulting in profit for our church. Scrip is available the second to the last Sunday of every month, and delivery of the cards not on hand will happen the following Sunday. You can pay by cash, check, or online with a pre-registration account. Want more information? Stop by the table!

Confirmation class begins next Sunday, September 27, at 8:30 a.m. in room 7. See you then!

All youth are invited to join together for a fellowship event that will take place on Sunday, September 27. We will head out to the Mall of America after worship for lunch (bring your own \$) and a mall-wide scavenger hunt in teams.

Thank you to all who participated in last Sunday's Covenant event, whether it was setting up a table for your committee or taking your time to visit the tables to see what the committees are doing. We hope that everyone was able to find ways to serve and be involved in the life of our church, and beyond our walls. You'll notice that the sign up sheets for Sunday volunteers opportunities are on the bulletin board outside of the Library. Stop by there after worship on any Sunday and sign up to serve.

Great Neighbors' Duck Race—Saturday, October 3, during *On the Road Again* on Southview Boulevard, 11 a.m.—3 p.m. Join the community for a fun-filled day of games, food, friends and the eighth annual Duck Races. Ducks can be adopted for just \$5 per duck, or \$25 for a family fun pack (5 ducks). All proceeds go to Neighbors, Inc., programs serving low income people in Northern Dakota County. Registration forms are located at the Kiosk, make checks payable to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—both can be turned in to the offering plate or to the church office.

Senior High Youth are needed to sell cheese curds as a fundraiser at *On the Road Again* on October 3 in South St. Paul. Sign up with Ruth Buller to work a shift from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.