

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
Jan. 22, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid.

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek.

One: Let us worship God!.

***HYMN**

"I Danced in the morning"

No.302

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor. (Ps. 34:18).

All: If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son and restore us to fellowship with him.

One: Hear the Good news! If a person is in Christ, they become a new creation all together. The old life is gone. A new life has begun. Friends hear and believe the Good News. (II Cor. 5: 17)

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***SONG RESPONSE “Gloria Patri” No.579**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Having received forgiveness and grace, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPERATION “Fairest Lord Jesus” No. 306

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. “As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were

fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James’s son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON “Jesus Begins his ministry” Ed Williams

***CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Loves Me” **No. 304**

*** CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**