

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
November 7, 2021 – 10:15 AM**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Good Morning, welcome worship here at First Presbyterian Church of Chippewa Falls. I am so glad that we can worship together, both in person and on ZOOM as well. Session will meet in the library following worship today,

TIME OF CENTERING

I'm not sure what your week has been like, but whatever it's been, I hope we can set it aside for a few moments so we can invite God to make God's presence known to us. I would like to invite you to sit back, relax and get comfortable. Take a couple of deep breaths, close your eyes, and think about God being present with you, where you are, right now. Slowly breathe in God's peace, and slowly exhale your anxieties and fears. Breathe in God's Peace, and exhale your anxieties and fears. Take a moment to savor that and to invite God's Spirit to be present with you, and with each of us as we seek to worship God together. **(PAUSE)**

Centering Prayer:

*Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now.*

*Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now.*

*Let your rain fall down,
Fall upon our souls,
Come and wash us now,
Come and make us whole.*

*Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now.
Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now. AMEN*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labor in vain.

All: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

One: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.

All: We shall put our trust in the Lord who gives rest to God's beloved.

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

(Nehemiah 9:17) “God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Let us confess our sin together.

All: Merciful God of compassion and justice, take pity on us as we confess our sin. We are not the stewards Christ calls us to be. Riches possess us while others go hungry. We mismanage creation with our pollution and strife. Your goodness is betrayed by our lust for power. We abuse your provision for us by our selfish desires. Help us hear once again Christ’s call to be faithful, and through him forgive us as we repent of our sin and turn from it. Let us pause for a moment of silent confession.
(PAUSE) (AMEN)

One: (Psalm 34:22) “The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.” Friends, hear and believe the GOOD NEWS:

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. AMEN

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Sherry Friedel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

...Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

BUILDING THE MORNING PRAYER:

Words By Bob Thomas

*“In the mist of early morning, you are there;
In the fading light of evening, you are there;
You are there when we are joyful,
You are there when we must grieve,
Yes in each and every moment, you are there.”*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 127:1-5

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

GOSPEL:

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

SERMON:

“What Is Generous Giving”

Rev. Ken Ribe

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: