

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

Rev. Amanda Boss

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

September 19, 2021

Dan Kaufeld - Music

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God Announcements

Prelude

“Near to the Heart of God”
(hymn #824) arr. by Cleland McAfee

*Call to Worship

Deb Dodds - Liturgist

L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

P: God’s ways are just and merciful.

L: Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: Come, let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate love.

P: Let us celebrate God’s mercy and justice. Amen.

* Hymn No. 401

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we commit ourselves to service, but fail to have a servant’s heart. We seek social status, not sacrifice. We welcome worldly success, not the humble path of Christ. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from the pressures of the world that keep us from giving ourselves to You. Help us be servants of all. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

*Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

We are Inspired by God

Hymn No. 2233

“Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 54

(See insert)

Scripture Reading:

Mark 9:30-37

NT: Page 54

James 3:13-4:3, 4:7-8

NT: Page 279 & 280

Sermon:

“Draw Near to God”

Rev. Amanda Boss

*Hymn No. 459: “O Word of God Incarnate”

We Respond to God

*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Service of Dedication

Please see bulletin insert

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Call for Offering

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

(hymn #649) arr. by Chris Owenby

*Doxology No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

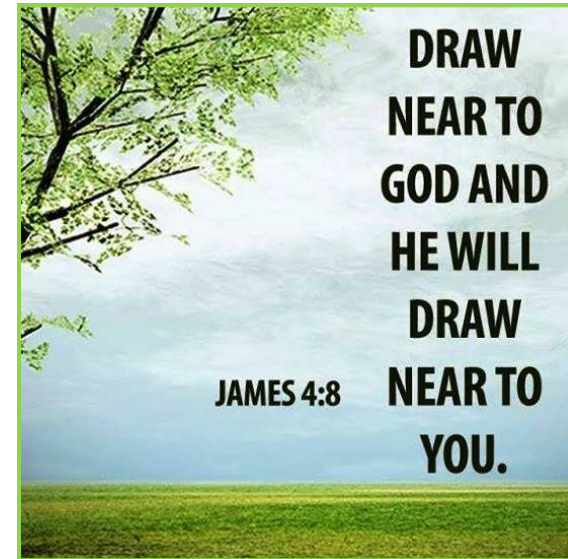
Holy God, we gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to the power of Christ’s ministry. May these gifts bear the Good News of the gospel to the least and the last. May these gifts be signs of our welcome to the most vulnerable among us. Bless our offerings so they might provide healing and hope. Amen.

*Hymn No 1 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn 2241 (4th verse) The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
“Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.”

*Postlude *“The Master Has Called Us”*
Arr. by Franklin Ritter - Gayle Kaufeld: flute, Dan Kaufeld: piano



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101 6th Ave. NW

Kasson, MN

Responsive Reading

Psalm 54

L: Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

P: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

L: For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them.

P: But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

L: He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

P: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

All: For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

Our Website is www.presbykasson.org

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Bulletin Announcements:

Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Celebrate global unity in Christ with churches around the world on October 3rd, World communion Sunday. Come share God's gift.

Nomination forms for new deacons, elders, and nominating committee members are available on the back table in the fellowship hall. Please turn them into the church office

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts August 2021	\$ 9,553.19
Expenses August 2021	\$ 7,051.22
Balance August 2021	\$ 2,501.97
Needed weekly	\$ 2,375.16
Needed monthly	\$ 10,292.35

*Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. All Presbyterians are called to take part in the whole church's ecclesiastical and administrative work through per capita giving. Our church is required to pay a per capita amount for each church member. The per capita amount for 2021 is \$36.50 for each church member. If you would like to pay your per capita please use the blue per capita envelopes located on the back table in the fellowship hall. They can be returned to an offering plate or the church office.

*The Coronavirus subcommittee wants to remind everyone of the church's policy regarding masks.

Masks are recommended but not required

^They are recommended because there is a risk of indoor singing, we have high risk people in our congregation, and children are not able to be vaccinated yet.

^Everyone can make their own choice to wear one or not wear one.

Service of Dedication

All the recommended improvements to our church were prayerfully considered by the members of the committees and by the Session and were paid for with special memorial donations; neither general offerings nor budgeted funds were used. We give thanks to God for the following gifts that we are dedicating today:

- The Glory to God Hymnal, purchased with funds designated for music by the Delores Himle Memorial
- Air filtration system, purchased with funds by the Delores Himle Memorial
- Blue pew cushions and the church's redesigned website, purchased with funds by the Dan and Marie Kaufeld Memorial
- The sound and camera equipment, purchased with funds by a memorial gift for John Schwen and the Dan and Marie Kaufeld Memorial
- Celebration of Life Banners, purchased with funds by the Tom and Helen Ferry Memorial
- The FM transmitter system and last year's Advent Bible study, purchased with funds from a grant from The Ministry Lab
- Updated technology through the church, purchased with funds from a technology grant from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

Prayer of Dedication

L. To You, O God,

P. We offer our thanks and praise. We know that your creative power is the source of every good gift

L. Today, we take delight in all the gifts that our church has received.

P. Thank you for the members of this congregation whose generous giving through memorial gifts allowed us to acquire these blessings for our church.

L. Thank you for all those who helped make this new Glory to God hymnal available for our use. We thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers, and petitions.

P. May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people, and to join in the harmony with all who worship you.

L. By your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to you.

P. O God of breath, who breathes new life in us each day, we thank you for these air filtration systems. As the air is cleaned may we give thanks that we are able to worship in a safe environment.

L. Lord. We give thanks for the many decades that this sanctuary has been a place of worship and hospitality.

P. May all who sit on these new pew cushions receive comfort and care as they gather in the house of the Lord.

L. The church is one body, made of many members. For everybody's part in caring for this church, we give God thanks and praise!

P. We are grateful for new technology that helps us expand the walls of this church into the community. We thank you for the church website, the updated sound equipment, the FM transmitter, and the video camera. These will help our church family stay connected even when we are not physically together.

L. The church comes together to celebrate the lives of the saints who have passed on. For we know that in life and in death we belong to God.

P. May these banners that hang in our sanctuary celebrate the faithful servants of this church and provide comfort to all those grieving.

L. Gracious God, we come to you with grateful hearts this morning as we dedicate these gifts in order that You may be glorified. May these new additions to our ministry allow us to act justly to love mercy and to walk humbly with our Lord and Savior.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.