

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

Rev. Amanda Boss

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

December 5, 2021

Dan Kaufeld - Music

10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

We Approach God

Gathering Music: "Love Came Down at Christmas"
arr. by Robert W. Thyngerson

Announcements:

Prelude: "Once in Royal David's City" Arr. by Weldon Whipple

Introit: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

*Call to Worship

Rosalie Trom - Liturgist

L: This is the season of holy waiting.

P: We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.

L: We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.

P: We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.

L: Come let us walk in the light of God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Gruhn Family

* Hymn No. 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we wait for you. We are impatient for you to come and set things right. We are fearful about our world, and anxious about ourselves. We refuse your guidance, but we often wish you would act according to our plans. We seldom pause to consider that you are waiting for us: waiting for some genuine act of contrition; waiting for us to repent and change; waiting for us to listen and respond with a burning passion to your truth, your justice, and your mercy. Furnish us with humble hearts and willing spirits to receive you as you come to us through all the experiences of our lives. Amen.

* Assurance of Grace (in Unison)

Believe the good news! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581

Choir Anthem: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" arr. by Lloyd Larson

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

Special Music:

Cora Holtz, Piano

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 1:68-79

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

P: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,

L: As he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

P: That we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

L: Thus, he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

P: The oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

L: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

P: To give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

L: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

P: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Scripture Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

Pg. OT 1088

Luke 3:1-6

Pg. NY 72-73

Sermon:

"Voice in the Wilderness"

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* Hymn No. 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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

Our Website is www.presbykasson.org

Pastor Amanda can also be reached at: presbypastor@kmtel.com;
phone 507-218-2267.

Office hours W 9am-noon, and by appointment

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Bulletin Announcements:

*Please contact Pastor Amanda if you need pastoral care, extra prayers or a visit.
Her cell phone number is 507-218-2267 and her email is
presbypastor@kmtel.com.

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

*Save the date!

*Blue Christmas Service, December 12th at 4:00 PM

*Christmas Caroling, December 12th at 5:30 PM

*The Worship Committee is again getting ready for the 2021 Poinsettia Memorial Garden, the plants will be in the sanctuary from Dec. 12-24, and may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service. They are purchased locally from Houston's Greenhouse and our cost is \$11 this year. Please write your name on an envelope provided on the board by the kitchen for your CASH payment when you sign up, and place it in the larger manila envelope.

*The Senior Choir will offer the cantata, "The Glory of Christmas, Celebrating Christ's Birth" by Lloyd Larson during the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve service. Gayle is seeking volunteers to serve as costumed characters during the cantata. If you feel a calling to help, please speak to her. Please include this special service in your Christmas plans. Thank you.

***Treasurer's Report:**

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| Receipts October 2021 | \$ 7,577.15 |
| Expenses October 2021 | \$ 12,120.09 |
| Balance October 2021 | \$ (4,542.94) |
| 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.

Tuesday December at 7pm- Advent Bible Study- Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph-Whose Child is This?

UPW Luncheon at the Hubbell House on Friday, December 10 at 1:00PM Please sign up on the board by the kitchen.