

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

Rev. Amanda Boss

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

December 12, 2021

Dan Kaufeld - Music

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

We Approach God

Gathering Music: "We Greet Thee, Heavenly Dove" arr. by Marilyn Rinehart
(Austrian Carol)

Announcements:

Prelude: "The Snow Lay on the Ground" arr. by David Paxton
(Venite Adoramus)

Introit: "Advent Verse" by Deborah Govenor

*Call to Worship

Deb Dodds - Liturgist

L: This is the season of holy waiting.

P: We wait for the One whose word can set captives free.

L: We watch for the day when all who mourn will know gladness and praise.

P: We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Willert Family

* Hymn No. 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

* Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

* Assurance of Grace (in Unison)

Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581

We are Inspired by God

Choir Anthem: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

* 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: "Mary Did You Know" Olivia Willert, Piano
by Buddy Greene

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:2-6

L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might.

P: The Lord has become my salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

P: And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

L: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 3:7-18 Pg. 73 NT
Philippians 4:4-7 Pg. 242 NT

Sermon: "The Lord is Near" Rev. Amanda Boss

Select A Hymn

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.

Choral Call to Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

Call for Offering

Offertory: "Fum, Fum, Fum" (On December 25th)
Arr. by John Carter. Keyboard: Trombone Ensemble

***Doxology No. 606**

***Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)**

God of every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing that our motives are mixed and our mission is unclear. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness, knowing that your love is stronger than our impurities and imperfections. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn No. 105** "People, Look East" Verses 1, 4 and 5

***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:** "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
By Johann Walther, arr. by David Paxton



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Faith Alive Christian Resources; Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition (pp. 251). Faith Alive Christian Resources. Kindle Edition.

Liturgy by Teri McDowell Ott and the Presbyterian Outlook

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.

*Thank you to all who made contributions to the lovely Poinsettia Memorial Garden this year. You may take your plant home after the Christmas Eve service.
The Worship Committee

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

*TODAY *Blue Christmas Service at 4:00 PM
*Christmas Caroling at 5:30 PM

*The Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve cantata will be held on Sat., December 18, at 9:30 am. Singers, narrators, actors, and the audiovisual technician will need to attend. Thank you.

*The Senior Choir will present the cantata "The Glory of Christmas, Celebrating Christ's Birth" during the Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm. Come and hear the Christmas story through beautiful music and narrations.

***Treasurer's Report:**

Receipts November 2021	\$ 6,135.94
Expenses November 2021	\$ 8,215.26
Balance November 2021	\$ (2,079.32)
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 14th at 7pm- Advent Bible Study- Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph-Raising A Child Not Your Own

*No Sunday School on Sunday, December 26th and January 2nd.