

# First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

Rev. Amanda Boss

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

December 19, 2021

Dan Kaufeld - Music

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

## We Approach God

Gathering Music: "Sing of Mary" arr. by Robert Hebble

Announcements:

Prelude: "The Son of Mary" (Catalan carol) arr. by Derek Branscombe

Introit: "Advent Verse" by Deborah Govenor

**\*Call to Worship (from Luke 1:47-52) Sue Alberts: Liturgist**

L: This is the season of holy waiting.

**P: We watch for the One who scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly.**

L: We wait for the day when our spirits rejoice to know God's favor.

**P: We wait while the light of day begins to fill the sky.**

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

**Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Gransee Family**  
Nate, Heather, Stella, Lucy, and Clay

**\* Hymn No. 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## Prayer of Confession

From the deep we call to you, O God.

Here, in the midst of separations and estrangements that hedge our hearts, we struggle to hold at bay the unfinished anger and unresolved hurt that distract us from being the people you call us to be. Yet you have kindled the light of love before us.

You meet us in the valley of the shadows of our failures, and bid us to awaken to the gentle power of your grace.

In these moments of silence, we open our depths to your reconciling love. Touch our deep longing with a sign of your presence, and, in Jesus Christ, forgive us for all that holds us apart from each other, from ourselves, and from you. 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: "Song of the Shepherds" 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: Cora Holtz, Piano

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 80:1-7

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**P: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth**

L: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

L: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**P: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

L: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

**P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Scripture Lesson: Micah 5:2-5 Pg. 1059-1060 OT  
Luke 1:39-55 Pg. 69-70 NT

Sermon: "Elizabeth and Mary" Rev. Amanda Boss

**\* Hymn No. 100** "My Soul Cries Out with A Joyful Shout"

## 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 Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**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 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: "Gabriel's Message" (Basque carol) arr. by Colin Curtis

**\*Doxology No. 606**

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

**Generous God, we marvel at your lavish gifts to us: life and breath, food and shelter, opportunities for work and play, and, most especially, hope and peace in Christ. We now pledge ourselves to mirror and reflect the glory of your self-giving love, to continue in the pattern of generosity we see perfectly revealed in Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 119** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

**\*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:** "Awake, Awake, For Night is Flying"  
By Johann Walther, arr. by Edward Broughton



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**101 6th Ave. NW**

**Kasson, MN**

**WELCOME VISITORS.** Thank you for coming to worship with us.  
Our Website is [www.presbykasson.org](http://www.presbykasson.org)

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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](mailto: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.

\*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 21 at 7pm- Advent Bible Study- Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph- The Journey to Bethlehem

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



**Given by:**

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John & Carol Allen  
Arlin & Marsha Brigham  
Deb Dodds  
Ann Driver  
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Wayne & Rosalie Trom  
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**In Honor or Memory of:**

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