

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

December 26, 2021

Dan Kaufeld, organist

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude: “Here Between Ass and Oxen” arr. by Robert Powell

***Call to Worship** Liturgist, Rosalie Trom

L: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

P: We are to show compassion and mercy

L: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

P: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

L: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

P: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. Amen.

*** Hymn No. 133** “O Come All Ye Faithful”

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty and loving God, You created us to love You, worship You, and serve You. But our brokenness and sinfulness tarnishes the beauty and perfection of Your creation. We are hard-hearted and indifferent toward Your Kingdom. We easily forget Your call to love You with all our heart, soul, and might. Forgive us for being preoccupied with ourselves and not fulfilling our call to fully surrender and serve You. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit in us. Amen.

* Assurance of Grace (in Unison)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 148

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

L: Praise him, sun, and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

P: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded, and they were created.

P: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

L: Praise the Lord from the earth! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

P: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: What Did We Just Do? Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

* Hymn No. 115 “Away in A Manger”

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.

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 601

Call for Offering

Offertory: “*Noel, Noel, Noel*” arr. by Robert Powell
 (*Noel Nouvelet*)

*Doxology No. 606

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

God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. Amen.

* Hymn No. 121 “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

*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: “*Unto Us a Boy Is Born*” arr. by David Paxton
 (*PUER NOBIS*)



Sunday December 26, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
101 6th Ave. NW
Kasson, MN

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.

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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.

*NO Choir practice is on Wednesday, December 29th

*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.

*NO Bible Study this week.

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

*Thank you to Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse for being with us today, filling in for Pastor Amanda.