

# First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

January 2, 2021      **Rev. Amanda Boss**  
Quinita Kase, organist      10:00 a.m.

## We Approach God

**Gathering Music:**      “A Christmas Fantasy”      by R.M. Stultz

## Announcements

**Prelude:**      “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  
By Richard S. Willis, arr. by Rebecca Bonam

**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 148)**      Liturgist, Ann Driver

L: The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

**P: Come let us adore him.**

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**P: Come let us adore him.**

L: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**P: Come let us adore him**

L: Lord open our lips, And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

\* Hymn No. 132      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

## \* Prayer of Confession

**Marvelous and merciful God, Your Son modeled leadership and servanthood for us. But we confess we have elevated our desires and plans over Your will for our lives and for Your world. We want authority and power over others to use for our own purposes. Forgive us for our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded attention to Your way. Remind us You desire servants first and foremost. Enable us to serve in the name of Jesus, the One who came to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name we pray. Amen.**

## \* Assurance of Grace (in Unison)

**Hear the good news!**

**The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*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 worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 1:1-9

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**P: He was in the beginning with God.**

L: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

**P: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

L: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**P: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.**

L: He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

**P: He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.**

**All: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Scripture:      Isaiah 60:1-6      Pg. 844 OT  
Matthew 2:1-12      Pg. 2 NT

Sermon:      “The Wisemen”      Rev. Amanda Boss

\* Hymn No. 147      “The First Nowell”      Verses 1,2, and 3

## 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: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Arr. by Lloyd Larson  
Tune: Cranham by Gustavo Holst

\*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. 151 "We Three Kings Of Orient Are" Verses 1,2, 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: "Joy to the World" by G.F. Handel, arr. by E.L. Ashford



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

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

\*NO Choir practice is on Wednesday, January 5th

\*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

\*NO Bible Study this week.

\*No Sunday School on Sunday, January 2nd.