

November 4, 2018



11:00 a.m.

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

***Those who are able, please stand*

Communion Sunday



Prelude

*"Joyous Jubilee"
Chancel Bells*

Brian Heinlein



Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.



Call to Worship

Paul Smith

One: You are welcome in this place,

All: where God meets us in love.

One: Why are we here?

All: We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.

One: You are welcome in this place,

All: where God loves us as children.

One: Why are we here?

All: We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.

One: Welcome to this place,

All: where God serves us at the table of love and grace.

One: Why are we here?

All: We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.



****Hymn #504**

"We Come as Guests Invited"

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Call to Reconciliation



Silent Prayer

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

We praise God through worship

We strengthen faith through study

We live our beliefs through mission

We nurture a diverse community



Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are hesitant to confess how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone - even you - more than we love ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Assurance of Pardon

One: In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;
 in God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;
 in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.
All: *Forgiven, loved, sent forth - we are not far from God's Kingdom!*



**The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: *And also with you.*

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.



**Song of Joy

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen, amen.*



Prayer for Illumination



First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 3:16-28

(OT—Red Bible pg. 306)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*



Special Music

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Jason Krug

Bell Sextet



Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

(NT—Red Bible pg. 175)



Sermon

Love and Sacrifice

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller



**Hymn #693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE



Spotlight on Stewardship

Duane Sattler



The Offering

Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate

Text **MissionPossible** to 73256 to give by text

Combines "When Peace Like a River" and "Shall We Gather at the River"

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river, the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.*



****Hymn of Dedication, #647**

"Give Thanks"

GIVE THANKS

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)*

Give Thanks. Give Thanks.



Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion



Invitation



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



Words of Institution



Sharing the Gifts


Please eat the bread and drink the cup as they are passed through the pews. Bread is gluten and corn free. Welch's Grape Juice is served in the cups. All are welcome to share the feast of communion. Christ welcomed all who came – and so do we.



Distribution


"When Love is Found"

Emma Lou Diemer

 **Prayer of Sending** ****Hymn #326**

“For All the Saints”
vs. 1-4 only

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 ****Charge and Benediction**

One: As you leave this place, go with God.

All: We will go wherever God goes.

One: As you depart to serve, go with Christ.

All: We will not turn back from following Jesus.

One: As you live the coming days, go with the Spirit.

All: God's people will be our people, and we will share our lives with them.

One: And I know you will, for you are ...

All: The Salt of the Earth

One: You are...

All: The Light of the World

One: You are ...

All: The People of God

One: And God goes with you.

 **Postlude**

“For All the Saints”

Charles W. Ore

*The organ will begin with themes from the hymn.
On cue the congregation will please stand and join in singing the
final verse of the hymn:*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)
The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God*

Remembering the Saints

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|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Donna Lewis | 12/14/1931 – 11/5/2017 | Robert Martin, Sr. | 5/23/1919 – 6/26/2018 |
| Naomi Marrs | 6/19/1921 – 12/9/2017 | David Peabody | 8/3/1946 – 6/27/2018 |
| Twila Schafer | 6/26/1921 – 3/1/2018 | Fred Luthe | 2/14/1942 – 9/23/2018 |
| Betty Albright | 12/12/1921 – 3/14/2018 | | |

Greeters:

Paul Kasl, Arta Smith

Ushers: Gary Evans, Lynne Hughes, Rod Diedrichsen, Mehdi Darvishi**Sunday Morning Drivers:** Pam Boyle, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes, Nancy Janike, Betty Tenhulzen**TV/Editing Crew:** Linda Brodzik, Jim DeFrain, Debbie DeFrain, Steve Hill Shannon Janike, Paul Jasa, Tyler Knoche, Paul Smith**TV/Editing Crew Youth Volunteers:** Olivia Diedrichsen, Owen Hill

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Sue Coller - *Pastor of Sudanese Ministry:* Rev. Jock Tut Peleak
Director of Music: Dr. Brian Pfofner - *Director of Christian Education:* Kris Brammer - *Organist:* Dr. Charles W. Ore