

Pastor The Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham  
Organist Diane Boyenga  
Accompanist Ann Robinson  
Candlelighters Brady Bork & Tiana Lais  
Hymn Leader Barb Antoine  
Greeters Roy & Linda Moeller  
Video Camera Bruce Boelman  
Sound System Pat Weerheim  
Choir Director Barb Antoine  
Ushers for October: Paul Wurpts, Nelvin Schelhaas, Scott & Michelle Wessels

Attendance last Sunday 118 Offering \$2258.00

Welcome- We are glad that you joined us this morning for our celebration of worship. Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed and we hope that you will join us often. If you are interested in joining this congregation, please speak to the Pastor. You are invited to attend the Coffee Fellowship following the service.

**Make a Note** Please note that on Sunday, November 13th Sunday school and the Service of Worship will both begin at 9:00 am. First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a benefit breakfast for the Cunningham Family at the Blue Mound Banquet Center from 9-1. Having both services at 9:00 will allow the members of First Presbyterian the opportunity to volunteer and attend the breakfast.

YOU can now watch the broadcast of our weekly church services whenever you want by going to the City of Luverne website. [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org) Go to Community Information and click on Cable Channel 3. Go to First Presbyterian Church and all of our recent church services will be available for you to watch.

Anyone interested in joining a "Young Mom's Group" please contact Kelsey Brandt. Call or text her at 507-227-8398.

A baby shower for Knox and Sawyer Cunningham is being planned and will be held at a later date.

Have an extra coat in your closet? The Rock County ONE WARM COAT Project is collecting clean, reusable coats of all shapes and sizes (children's coats are especially needed). Bring your clean, reusable coats to ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm through October 31. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October. Show your care for people in need by passing along coats you no longer use. Winter is approaching and no one should have to go without such a basic necessity as a coat!

**GOSPEL JUBILEE** All are invited to the 6th Annual Gospel Jubilee on Sunday, October 30 at the American Reformed Church in Luverne, MN. The Benson Family will perform at 3 PM, Masters Voice Quartet at 4 PM, followed by a meal at 5 PM for \$5. The Garms Family will perform at 6 PM. Freewill offering will be taken during both performances.

If you are able, please park in the upper lot leaving the lower lot and parking along the street for those who have difficulty walking.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ LUVERNE, MN**

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

**Welcome visitors and friends**

**Nursery available for Children & Parents**

Please pass the Friendship Pad, found in the pew, center aisle, so that we may greet one another by name.

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Candles & Tolling of the Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Loving Father, we stand here today as testimony to all that you are and all that you mean to us. We stand here today as witnesses in this place to the grace, mercy and love shown to each one of us. We stand here today as children of a heavenly Father, accepted and loved.

We worship you

**We lift our hearts to you in praise**

We adore you

**We lift our hands to you in praise**

We proclaim your name

**Within these walls and in our lives, day by day.**

**Opening Hymn # 324**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

• **Call to Confession**

Leader: The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates you from others and from God.

• **Prayer of Confession**

**You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask this that your name may be glorified through the beauty of this world and the service of our lives. Amen.**

- **Words of Assurance**

Thank you Father that you hear the cry of our hearts and not only forgive but forget.  
Thank you for a love that is beyond our understanding.

**Our God is a loving God, and forgives those who come to him in humility.**

**Greet One Another** (Let us greet one another with a hand shake.)

**Children's Time**

**Anthem** "Soon and Very Soon" Bell Choir

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 138 Page 709 OT

**Scripture** I Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

**Senior High Presentation**

- **Hymn # 369** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**Minute for Stewardship-** Gloria Rust

**Stewardship Dedication:**

Holy Loving, Creator God, we give you thanks for making the earth and all that is in it.

**We praise you, O God, for you have blessed us with good things.**

You call us to be faithful and to live as your servants, to share the gifts you have given.

**We offer our time and talents, energy, and imagination.**

You call to us in the needs of others-the hungry, the poor, the lonely, and the homeless.

**We offer our love, compassion, and commitment to justice and peace.**

We give you thanks O God, for good work to do and a community of faith that surrounds us.

**We pledge ourselves and our gifts of treasure for the life and work of the church.**

**Use us, O God, and all we have. Renew our spirit and help us to be faithful to the promises we make. Be present within and among us, and lead us according to your purpose. We pray together in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**Offertory** "You Are My All in All"

- **Singing Our Thanks to God # 592** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

- **Prayer of Dedication**

- **Closing Hymn # 428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

- **Benediction**

- **Sending Song** (Insert) "Freely, Freely"

- **Postlude**

**Remember in your prayers:**

**Perry Klosterbuer** (son of Dorothy) hospitalized in Augusta, GA following a motorcycle accident

NOTE new address: V.A. Hospital Uptown Rm 3 C, 1 Freedom Way, Augusta GA 30904

**Kevin Kraetsch and Sheri Smith** on the death of Sherri's mother, Elizabeth Reddy.

**This week at First Presbyterian:**

**Today:** Stewardship Dinner 11:15 everyone welcome  
Senior High & Middle School go raking – 12:15

**Wednesday:** Youth Club-3:15, Confirmation-6:00  
Senior High Fellowship-6:30-8:00  
Bells -6:15, Choir -7:00  
Property Committee – 7:00  
Christian Ed, Worship, Stewardship Committees – 8:00

**Thursday:** P W Executive Committee – 9:00

**Next Sunday:** Sunday School for all ages – 9:00

Service of Worship - 10:15

Presbyterian Women's Soup & Dessert Dinner – 11:15

Daylight saving time ends next weekend. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special offering for the building and maintenance of the church will be collected today. This is the last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 2016.

If you would like to donate a gift basket for the silent auction at the Cunningham Benefit on Sunday, November 13, please bring them to the church by noon on Saturday, November 12.

With the annual soup/dessert mission meal coming up on November 6th, we'd like to remind everyone again that donations to offset expenses are always welcome. Items needed for the meal include hamburger, boneless chicken breast, carrots, celery, onions, wrapped cheese slices, and Jamison's chicken soup base. Anything donated will really be appreciated! Please let Ruth Stoakes know at 283-9313 if you'd like to donate.