

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Thou whose almighty word #291

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God,
you have shown us the ways of justice
and nurtured us with love.**

**Even so, we have not lived according to your will.
When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.
When we find ourselves in positions of power,
we abuse the rights of others
and hold tight to our privilege, forgetting your laws.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.
Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness,
that we might turn to you again,
walk in the light, and live in equity and peace;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: We are marching #639

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Psalms 123:1-4

Sung Response: **Our eyes look to the Lord our God,
awaiting God's mercy upon us.**

R To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens!
**As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you have mercy upon us. R**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
**Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud. R**

Matthew 25:14-30

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music Paula Weber
"God Will Make a Way" Moen/Hayes

Sermon *Taking a Risk*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People & 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.**

HYMNS for Sunday November 15th

**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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: God, whose giving knows no ending #663

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Dedication:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn: May the mind of Christ my Saviour #644

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619):

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

#291 - Thou whose almighty word

**Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light!**

**Saviour who came to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**

**Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide
let there be light!**

#639 - We are marching

**We are marching in the light of God. (x4)
We are marching, oo,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo,
we are marching in the light of God.**

#663 - God, whose giving knows no ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
towards the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through powers your Grace conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

#644 - May the mind of Christ my Saviour

May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
Jesus' love and power controlling all I do or say.

May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through God's power.

May the peace of God my Sovereign
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

**May the love of Jesus fill me,
as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self denying, this is victory.**

**May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.**

This Week at First Church

Sun. Nov. 15	10:30 am	Worship (in-person & online)
	12:15 pm	Sunday School by Zoom
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour by Zoom
Wed. Nov. 18	7:00 pm	Board of Managers
Thur. Nov. 19	12:15 pm	Bible Study by Zoom
Sat. Nov. 21	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee
Sun. Nov. 22	10:30 am	Worship (in-person & online) Rev. Bob Wilson preaching
	12:15 pm	Sunday School by Zoom
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour by Zoom

First Church Fellowship by Zoom Video Conference

Everyone is invited to join with First Church friends for fellowship and connection using Zoom video conferences every week: **All Zoom links are sent out by email. If you don't receive the Zoom links you need, email, text, or phone Amanda.**

Office Hours

Mon.: 8:30 – 11:00 am; Wed. to Fri.: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.
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Rev. Amanda Currie works from home most days and from the office occasionally. You can continue to reach her by phone or text message (306-580-8095) or by email (revfpc@sasktel.net). A physically-distanced pastoral visit is always possible, as well as a phone call or Zoom video call.