

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2016

11:00 a.m.

*Welcoming all, we gather together as a caring church family to: Give thanks and worship God;
Learn and live the teachings of Jesus; Nurture faith and spiritual growth;
and Joyfully share God's love by serving others in the community.*

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship (The following prayer may be used to prepare for the service.)

Fill my heart with faith, dear Jesus—especially when life is challenging and trust comes hard. Amen.

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

The day is coming, says the Lord,
when evil will be utterly consumed.

Surely the Lord is our salvation.

Trust in God; do not be afraid.

Let us worship God.

***Gathering Songs**

#647

“Give Thanks”

#627

“I Love You, Lord”

Opening Prayer

Song #695

“Change My Heart, O God”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

1st Reading

Isaiah 12

¹You will say in that day:

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the LORD,
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Anthem

2nd Reading

Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”

⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

We believe in God - who brings forth life from death, joy from sorrow, blessing out of disaster; who meets us behind our closed hearts and speaks a word of peace; who is known in the simple act of breaking bread, gathering around a table; who never forgets our name, who feels our pain, who renews our lives from the inside out.

We believe in the risen Christ - who bears wounds so that we might not hide from our own; who is present to us in our loneliness, our fear, our doubt; who embraced the hard questions, faced death's door and walked ahead into every experience so we might know we have a Companion on the way.

We believe in the Holy Spirit - who is as close to us as the air we breathe; who inspires the church to be a beacon of light, an oasis of peace and a fountain of joy; who blows free as the wind, touching souls, chasing away the blues, setting loose an alleluia. We shall live as a people of God.

Song #626

“As the Deer”

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Song #633**

“Praise Ye the Lord”

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

***All who are able please stand.**

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Leading in worship this morning:

Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor

Renae Hillestad, Organist

Jace Erickson, Choir Director

Allen Osmundson, Liturgist and Offering Counter

, Ushers

, Greeter

WE WELCOME, in the name of Christ, all who come to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the Guest book in the Narthex. Please be sure to write your full address and to introduce yourself to the Pastor following the service. Please worship with us again and join us prior to worship for fellowship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR

Today	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Monday, November 14	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:00 p.m.	Crafts
Wednesday, November 16	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	5:40 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	PNC
Thursday, November 17	7:00 p.m.	PWCT
Sunday, November 20	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Children Sing/Noisy Offering
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 12:00 P.M. for the purpose of nominating and electing officers, nominating a member a large to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee, reviewing the budget for the coming year, and any other business as may be brought before the congregation.

OFFICE HOURS Pastor Kevin is in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. If you need to get in touch with him after hours, his cell phone number is 701-351-3468 (this is a long distance number). Pastor Kevin's e-mail: kevin.kaufmann57@gmail.com

EAST GRAND FORKS FOOD SHELF is in need of all non-perishable food items. Please put these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING — Monday, December 5— The Session of Mendenhall Presbyterian Church encourages members with concerns or ideas to come to the open forum the first fifteen minutes of each stated Session meeting. The Session meets in the Session Room the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

OFFERING: As of November 8

	This Month	Year to Date
General Offering	\$ 2,837.00	\$115,380.84
Expenses	<u>\$ 3,760.47</u>	<u>\$126,228.91</u>
	(\$ 923.00)	(\$ 10,848.07)

Per Capita is \$43.50 per confirmed member for 2016. If you haven't already paid your Per Capita there are envelopes available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Session**Class of 2016**

Cindy Barrett, Christian Education
Paul Stadem, Stewardship & Finance
Hazel Merdink, Worship/PW Rep.

Class of 2018

Gail Schrage, Christian Care & Outreach
Kathie Chaput, Stewardship & Finance
Doug Twite, Property

Staff

Kevin Kaufmann, Pastor
Dawn Anderson, Office Administrator
Mike Lachowitzer, Custodian

Class of 2017

Bev Bredemeier, Personnel
Scott Love, Property
Shannon Vacura, Worship

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session
Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

Cindy Hagel, Organist
Jace Erickson, Choir Director
Gloria Bancroft, Youth Director