

# ***Mendenhall Presbyterian Church***

*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 15, 2015*

*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.)**

No matter what I'm facing, fill me with your hope and joy, Holy Spirit, as I joins others in worship today. Amen.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Introit**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

God is faithful: Christ is coming,  
**to raise the poor from the dust.**

God is faithful: Christ is coming,  
**to judge and rule the earth.**

Let us worship God.

#### **\*Hymn #39**

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You warn us of what is to come, but we ignore the signs of the times. You promise us a new creation, but we cling to the ruins of this world. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash away the stain of our sin and keep us faithful in love and in deed, while we await your coming in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**(Here each worshiper offers silent, personal confession.)**

#### **Hymn #644 (Verse 4)**

*“Give Thanks, O Christian People”*

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

#### **1 Samuel 1:4-20**

<sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." <sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." <sup>18</sup>And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. <sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

### **Anthem**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

### **Mark 13:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, whose love for us is sure, steadfast and unconditional.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who came that we might know what a life of love looks like and who assured us that where two or three gather in his name, there also is he. We believe in the Holy Spirit, which sustains us in times of trouble and nudges us to rise to our greater selves.**

**We believe in hope which triumphs over despair and in the grace of God, which will lead us home. Amen.**

### **Hymn #738**

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

### **Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer**

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **Hymn #644 (Verse 1)**

*“Give Thanks, O Christian People”*

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn #645**

***“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”***

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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

***Leading in worship this morning:***

*Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor*

*Cindy Hagel, Organist*

*Jace Erickson, Choir Director*

*Doug Twite, Liturgist & Offering Counter*

*Dean & Penny Schumacher, Usher*

*Mark McWalter, 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 following worship for fellowship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

### CALENDAR

Today, November 15	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday, November 16	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	4:00 p.m.	Crafts
Wednesday, November 18	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
		Newsletter Deadline
	2:00 p.m.	Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday, November 22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Youth Singing/Noisy Offering
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY:** The meeting shall be 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, electing a Pastor Nomination Committee and any other business as may be brought before the congregation.

**WORSHIP BULLETINS:** We are cutting back on the number of bulletins we will be printing due to the fact that the entire service is projected on the screen. There will be a limited number of bulletins available each Sunday. There will be announcement sheets available for everyone. The bulletin will also be available on our website the Monday following Sunday worship, [mendenhallchurch.org](http://mendenhallchurch.org).

**NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENT:** Sunday, November 22, following church. Trip to Fargo! Pottery making at Clay Your Way, eat at Smash Burgers, and thrifty shopping. Bring \$8.00 for pottery, \$5.90 for lunch, and whatever you'd like to spend on Christmas shopping. Mendenhall will cover the studio paint/glazing fee, transportation and snacks are donated. Contact Gloria if you can go, or help chaperone!

**OFFICE HOURS** Pastor Kevin will be 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 phone number is 701-351-3468 (this is a long distance number).

Pastor Kevin's e-mail: [kevin.kaufmann57@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.kaufmann57@gmail.com)

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation November 16 – 30.

Dawn is in the office Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**EAST GRAND FORKS FOOD SHELF** is in need of toiletries. Please put these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

**NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING — Monday, December 7 —** 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 September 15, 2015**

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
General Offering	\$ 5,118.00	\$ 99,426.63
Expenses	<u>\$ 1,274.99</u>	<u>\$119,004.63</u>

\$ 3,843.01

(\$ 19,578.00)

**Per Capita is \$43.27 per confirmed member for 2015. If you haven't already paid your Per Capita there are envelopes available in the Narthex for your convenience.**

**NOTES FROM PARISH NURSE – MARY BARRETT, RN, PN**

“Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.” 2John 1:8  
NLT. Aging is not synonymous with losing your teeth. Good dental care controls plaque, prevents cavities, gum disease, and tooth loss so seniors should continue their once/twice a year dental visits. It is important to monitor chipped teeth or old fillings where bacteria can enter and cause cavities. Dentists can also treat the dry mouth that aging and certain medications can cause. Without saliva, the body loses another line of defense against bacteria. If the person already has dentures, the dentist can check for ill-fitting teeth and screen for oral cancer. If brushing teeth is painful, the dentist can also suggest rinses and gels that will clean the teeth without causing pain.

**Session**

Class of 2015

Scott Love, Property  
Kris Ogden, Personnel  
Gail Schrage, Christian Care & Outreach

Class of 2016

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

Class of 2017

Bev Bredemeier, Personnel  
Mel Clark, Property  
Shannon Vacura, Worship

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session

Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

**Staff**

Kevin Kaufmann, Pastor  
Dawn Anderson, Office Administrator  
Allen Osmundson, Custodian  
Cindy Hagel, Organist  
Jace Erickson, Choir Director  
Gloria Bancroft, Youth Director