

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 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.)

We are mindful today of the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1, NIV) who have gone before us in faith, modeled life of discipleship, and worship alongside us even now. Amen.

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Praise the Lord; our Redeemer lives!

Jesus Christ is coming in glory.

Praise the Lord; our Savior reigns!

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #658**

“God Is So Good”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We are quickly shaken in our faith and deceived by false prophets. We put our hope in this life only and deny your gift of resurrection. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us true hope and real comfort. Strengthen us in word and deed to proclaim the new life you offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Here each worshiper offers silent, personal confession.)

Hymn #655 (Verse 2)

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Anthem

2nd Reading

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the

story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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.

Hymn #468

“In My Life”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

Hymn #655 (Verse 1)

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation #526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #361**

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

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Leading in worship this morning:

Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor

Cindy Hagel, Organist

Mary Barrett, Communion Leader

Gail Schrage, 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 7	8:00 a.m.	Bazaar Work Day
	5:15 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
	7:00 p.m.	Session
	10:00 a.m.	Bazaar
Tuesday, November 8		
Wednesday, November 9	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	3:15 p.m.	Youth Group
	5:40 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	PNC
Sunday, November 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Contemporary Service
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAZAAR 2016: Bazaar preparations are in full swing! If you haven't been contacted yet and would like to help, call Penny (773-3732), Bev (775-7140), or Kathie (701-739-4454).

Baked goods may be brought to the church Monday, November 7th from 7:00-8:00pm. Please have your food items priced.

Crafts and New-To-You items can be brought any time before Monday November 7th. Crafts (please price anything you bring) should be put in the craft room and New-To-You items may be placed in the Parish Nurse office room. The New-To-You booth also needs plastic bags (Hugo's, Target) so those can be dropped off at the church.

Help is needed after church on Sunday, November 6th. If you can stay for a short while and help set up tables for the Bazaar and move the craft items upstairs, it would be greatly appreciated.

MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY: Wondering what to do with old prescriptions? Want to properly dispose of them? November 15 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Altru Health System and the East Grand Forks Police Department are hosting a Medication Take Back Day at Altru Clinic in East Grand Forks. You can properly dispose of all medications during this free drug take back event. Bring in your controlled, non-controlled, over the counter and expired substances. Help keep our community safe.

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

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 ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. Please put these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING — Monday, November 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 October 31

	This Month	Year to Date
General Offering	\$ 27,483.44	\$112,543.84
Expenses	<u>\$ 13,356.58</u>	<u>\$122,468.44</u>
	\$ 14,126.86	(\$ 9,924.60)

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 2017

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

Class of 2018

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

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session

Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

Staff

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

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