

# ***Mendenhall Presbyterian Church***

*32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 8, 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.)**

As autumn settles in, you surround us with warmth and tenderness, like a parent cuddling a child. Thanks for your protection and love, Lord. Amen.

### **Welcome and Announcements**

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Introit**

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

All that we have is a gift from God;

**by the grace of God we live.**

As Jesus gave his life for us,

**let us offer our lives to the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

#### **\*Hymn #611**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We revel in power and privilege while many are struggling to survive. We boast of our great contributions while some who have little give all. Forgive us, God of grace. Strip us of all pride and pretense and clothe us in your mercy alone, ready to meet you in your 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**

#### **Hebrews 9:24-28**

<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

<sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### **Anthem**

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

#### **Mark 12:38-44**

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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 #468**

***“Lord, Be Glorified”***

**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 #643**

***“Now Thank We All Our God”***

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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

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

*Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor*

*Renae Hillestad, Organist*

*Jace Erickson, Choir Director*

*Gail Schrage, Liturgist & Offering Counter*

*, Usher*

*Bev Casmey, 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

Monday, November 9	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	4:00 p.m.	Crafts
Wednesday, November 11	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, November 12	7:00 p.m.	PWCT
Sunday, November 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2015:** The meeting shall be for the purpose of nominating and electing elders, 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. Grades 3-12 unless accompanied by a parent. 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 out of the office on November 12 for Presbytery Healthy Boundary training and 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 November 1**

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
General Offering	\$ 2,974.00	\$ 97,282.63
Expenses	<u>\$ 207.64</u>	<u>\$117,937.28</u>
	<b>\$ 2,766.36</b>	<b>(\$ 20,654.65)</b>

**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.” 2 John 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