

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Eastertide

April 12, 2026

Welcome and Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Hymn #4 *How Great Thou Art* (1-4)

Minute for Mission - Days for Girls

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we confess that we are often more concerned with our image than our character. Like the king, we seek control, act out of pride, and make decisions that dishonor others.

We have used our words and actions carelessly, treating people as less than those made in Your image. We have lived as though You are distant or silent, forgetting that You are always at work.

Forgive us, Lord.
Humble our hearts, and teach us to walk in wisdom, honor, and reverence before You.
Amen.

Please take a moment to personally confess your sins to God.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader:

Hear the good news:
Though we are often driven by pride and poor judgment, God is never absent and never finished with us.

In His mercy, He forgives our sin, restores what is broken, and begins again with us in grace.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Amen.

Kids Church

*All kids kindergarten through 5th grade are invited out the Sanctuary's side door (near the elevator) for Kids Church. Staff and volunteers will lead them through worship, activities, and age-appropriate Bible lessons. **They are welcome to make their own offering on their way downstairs.***

* The Peace of Christ

Because we have been granted peace with God, we extend that same peace to those around us with a warm greeting and welcome.

Choir Anthem *Without His Cross*

Offering and Musical Offertory

As an act of worship, we invite you to give towards God's Kingdom work here.

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Readings Esther 1

Next week's Scripture passage: Esther 2

Sermon *Faith and Faithfulness in Troubled Times*
Pastor Nancy Overgaard

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn # 43 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (1-3)

* Benediction and Response

Go Now In Peace

** Please stand if you are able.*

Today's Scripture Passage: Esther 1

Next Week's Scripture Passage: Esther 2

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY APRIL 13

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY APRIL 14

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm Kidzone (*Westminster Hall*)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY APRIL 16

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

9:00 am Days for Girls (*Multipurpose Room*)

SUNDAY APRIL 19

9:00 am Faith Cafe (*Multipurpose Room*)

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

11:00am Coffee Fellowship (*Westminster Hall*)

MONDAY APRIL 20

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

7:00pm Women's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*) **New!**

TUESDAY APRIL 21

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm Kidzone (*Westminster Hall*)

5:45 pm Confirmation (*Hearthside*)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY APRIL 23

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

Prayer List - Please pray for: Robyn Schafer, Goemann family, Dillon Hanson family, Carolyn Westrum, Nick Johanssen, Siglinda Kleih and Bill Sievers. **If you have a prayer concern**, fill out a prayer card from your pew-back and put it in the offertory box outside the office.

Day for Girls - One of the missions our church supports is Days for Girls, and today during the service we will receive a special message all about it! To learn more, you may go to daysforgirls.org or feel free to chat with one of the group members here! The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9am in the Multipurpose Room.

Faith Cafe - A new Faith Cafe series started today! The new series will follow the book of Esther, complimenting our current sermon series. Be sure to join in Sunday mornings at 9am in the Multipurpose Room!

Women's Bible Study - It's official! We will be starting an evening of fellowship and Bible study for the women of this church (and guests); ages 16+. The study will meet here at the church every other Monday evening at **7pm in the Hearthside Room beginning Monday, April 20th**. This study will be a 4 week study series. See flyers and social media for more info!

Devoted Hearts Conference - Ladies, there is still time to register for the annual women's conference in Rochester, MN on **April 24-25!** This year's theme is "Be Still and Know". This event is supported by our PWSC. To register, you may go online devotedheartsrochester.com

All Church Birthday - TODAY, is the All Church Birthday Party! We will celebrate every birthday month during our coffee fellowship hour today - join us in celebration!

Kidzone & Highlife - This current season will be wrapping up in about a month! Last day of Kidzone & Highlife will be Wednesday, **May 13th**.

Senior Sunday - Save the date for Sunday, **May 17th** as we celebrate our seniors! This is a chance to bless our high school seniors as they take their next steps in life!

Happy Birthday - Makenna Haller (4/12), Sandy Murray (4/14), Katie Cope & Kim Lundak (4/16) and Joyce Nixon (4/17)!

