Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

1 Tower Avenue in Historic Fort Snelling, Minnesota

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MN FoodShare Collection

16 March 2025 — 11:00 a.m.

Non-Denominational Christian Worship Service

hosted by

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*
The Congregation, *Ministers of the Gospel*

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Kenneth "Ken" L. Beale, Jr., *Senior Chaplain*
Rev. Philip "Buddy" A. Winn, Jr., *Associate Chaplain*
Dr. Desiderius "Desi" Klempay, *Organist*
Tamara Henschel, *Special Music Coordinator*

Administrative Staff

Bev Johnson, *Office Manager*
Carol Nygaard, *Accounting Specialist*

Where the Veteran Is Remembered

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad that you are here for worship today!
*The * indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*
*The ** indicates times for the ushers to seat latecomers.*
*The **bold print** indicates readings/choral responses of the congregation.*
If you have a cell phone, please turn off the ringer. Thank you.

Lighting of Altar Candles *Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

Lighting of the POW/MIA Candle

Special Music "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual, arr. Chad Shultis
"Deep River" Spiritual, arr. M. Hogan
"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" Spiritual, arr. R. Walters

Organ Prelude "St. Anthony Chorale" F.J. Haydn

Consider using these sacred moments to meditate upon the scripture reading and prepare yourself to receive a blessing from God. Kindly be considerate of your neighbor's need for silence. We encourage your conversations to be held following worship. Please refrain from applause after the organ prelude.

Ringing of the Ship Bell

Call to Worship L = Leader **P = People**

L: God has many children. Some of us are out in sin and He is anxiously waiting for us to return.
P: Others of us have stayed by Him, but are unable to appreciate His love for our brothers who chose to leave.
L: God's love is the same for each of us, and we all need His forgiveness.
P: May we discover God's forgiveness and choose to be in His presence.

* ***Processional Hymn of Praise*** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 4

"Hymn to Joy" words and music by Dyke and Beethoven
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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise; field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

* ***Invocation***

* ***Choral Response*** (sung by all)

"Habakkuk 2:20" music by Harrington
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The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

** *Organ Interlude*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We are Your children, Father, and we desperately need Your love and forgiveness. We see the attractions of the world and find ourselves with the prodigal son. We taste a little bit of religion and find ourselves with the elder son. Forgive us for concentrating on ourselves, without understanding we need You to be our Father. We feel Your love winning us back, and we want to share in the celebration of the lost being found. Receive us in the name of Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* *Gloria Patri* (sung by all)

"Greatorex" words and music by *Gloria Patri*, 2nd cent. and Greatorex
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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

* *Statement of Faith* The Apostles' Creed, *Ecumenical Version*

L: Christian, what do you believe?

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

** ***Organ Interlude***

Children's Message (children gather on the steps of the chancel)

† Children Ages 5-10 are dismissed for Children's Church †

** ***Organ Interlude***

Special Music "Bright and Beautiful" (A Children's Suite) arr. M. Hayes

Scripture Reading St. Luke 15:11-24 (New King James Version)

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his
father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them
his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together,
journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.
14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began
to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he
sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach
with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants
have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to
my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,
19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired
servants." '

20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his
father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight,
and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and
put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and
kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he
was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Sermon **"The Loving Father"** Chaplain Anderson

* ***Hymn of Response*** "Jesus Loves Me! This I Know" # 130

"Renar" words and music by Warner and Bradbury
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1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Amen.

Greeting and Sharing of Church Life

We share the community announcements and invite everyone to record their presence by signing and passing the red "Friendship Pad" with those in your pew. Cards are provided in the pew card holders for writing prayer requests and placing on the offering plate.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication Prayer

Offertory Music "It Is Well With My Soul" P.P. Bliss, arr. P. Brennan

* Stewardship Response (sung by all)

"Old Hundredth" words and music by Ken and Bourgeois
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (text prayer requests to 612-747-1059)

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* ***Recessional Hymn of Dedication*** "Rejoice, O People"

Tune: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 48

"Azmon" words and music by Bayler and Gläser
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1. Rejoice, O people, tell the news: One that was lost is found. Let us respond, true faith to choose, and let our praise resound.
2. Sinners receive forgiveness here; mercy and grace abound. As we repent, our God makes clear that faith with joy is crowned.
3. With perfect patience God has sought from sin to set us free, that we may live, as Christ has taught, in loving harmony.

* ***Benediction***

* ***Extinguishing of the POW/MIA Candle***

* ***Choral Response*** (sung by all)

"America" words and music by Smith and *'Thesaurus Musicus'*
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Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King. Amen.

* ***Extinguishing of Altar Candles*** *Taking the Light Into the World*

Postlude "Postlude in G" G.F. Handel

† Children are dismissed from the classroom to return to guardians †

WORSHIP LEADER: Anne Heller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Raymond Berg

WELCOME KIT DISTRIBUTOR: Margaret Flower

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deanna Strauss and Ann Polachek

FELLOWSHIP GREETERS: Terry & Margaret Flower

SPECIAL MUSIC: A sincere welcome back to vocalist **Chad Shultis**. Chad has performed extensively throughout the Twin Cities, including performances with the Minnesota Chorale, the Minnesota Orchestra and as baritone soloist in the premiere of Ah Nagasaki's Ashes into Light, which featured 300 American and Japanese performers. He has sung under the direction of Dale Warland in the SPCO Chorale and the Minnesota Beethoven Festival Chorale since 2009. He lives in Chanhassen, with his wife Angela and their two sons Crosby and Griffin. **Barbara Rightler** is a lifelong worship accompanist on piano and pipe organ, piano coach, and arranger who happens also to be Chad's mother-in-law. Many thanks for sharing your time and talents with us this Lord's Day!

GUEST CHAPLAIN: Pastor **Vern Anderson** retired as the Sr. Pastor of Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church, Surprise, AZ, in June 2018 after serving 39 years as an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). During those years he also served 24 years in the MN Army National Guard. The last six years he served as the State Command Chaplain (COL) for the MN National Guard—Army and Air. He is married to his wife of 48 years, Jan. They have two sons, three granddaughters, and three grandsons. He enjoys golf, baseball, watching sporting events, and boating. They now live in Woodbury, MN.

+ + + *ANNOUNCEMENTS* + + +

Please Join Us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday following the worship service. A cup of coffee, tea, or punch awaits you, along with delicious treats prepared by our Kitchen Angels.

Interested in Helping? There is a sign-up roster hanging outside the kitchen entrance for assisting with our weekly fellowship time. For more information, call Carol Nygaard, Fellowship Hour Coordinator, at 952-882-1787.

Order Your Easter Plants for $10 each (lilies and tulips) by 23 March. Order forms are available on the table in the fellowship hall.

CE Classes (Sundays 9:45-10:30 a.m.) **Topic: American Presidents** is held in the Fellowship Hall facilitated by Bob Cizek. Handouts are provided each week.

Tuesdays (12-noon-1:00 p.m.) A Bible Study is held in the Conference Room at the Chapel Foundation office. Bring your Bible.

Next Week (23 Mar) is the **Third Sunday in Lent**. Guest Chaplain Vern Anderson will proclaim a message entitled ***"Unleashing the Power of Prayer"*** based on St. Luke 11:5-10. The special music will be **American Swedish Institute Male Chorus**.

If You Have a Prayer Request ... our *Prayer Chain* can be activated by calling our coordinator, Suzanne Berg (612-743-1780). Your prayer concerns will be held confidential and shared only among the prayer chain members and pastor.

FREE Devotional Materials are available to you in the Fellowship Hall. The *Our Daily Bread* (Mar-May) devotional is available. Also LARGE PRINT copies of *Our Daily Bread* (Apr-Jun) are now available.

Interested in Membership? Those wishing to inquire about uniting with this congregation are welcome to call the Foundation Office (952-888-1525) and leave your name and phone number, and the staff will follow up.

Ministry Beyond the Walls: Our weekly worship services can be viewed LIVE from your internet service. Homebound and absent members and friends can simply go to https://vimeo.com/fortsnellingmcf and tune in any Sunday starting at 10:45 a.m. Central Time. Services are also archived there for later viewing.

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the midweek ***"Chapel Chatter"***—providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel—please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation (info@fortsnellingmcf.org) and request to be added to this *Constant Contact* distro.

Upcoming Meetings ... in the Chapel Foundation Conference Room:
Tue 18 Mar (6:00 p.m.)—**Safety Committee**
Thu 20 Mar (6:00 p.m.)—**Membership Committee**
Thu 3 Apr (6:00 p.m.)—**Publicity Committee**
Tue 8 Apr (6:00 p.m.)—**Finance Committee**
Sat 19 Apr (9:00 a.m.)—**Board of Directors**
All meetings are open to attend for FSMCF members only.

This Week in U.S. Military History:
17 Mar 1776 — British forces evacuate Boston
17 Mar 1862 — began *Peninsula Campaign*
18 Mar 1969 — ended *Operation Dewey Canyon*
19 Mar 2003 — began *Operation Iraqi Freedom*
22 Mar 1945 — began the *Central Europe Campaign*

WW2 Round Table ... **Tue, 25 Mar** (7 p.m.) at MN History Center, 345 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul. Topic: **The Battle of Midway**—discuss the important role submarines played in the Battle of Midway. FREE admission. Parking $6/$4 MNHS members.

A Special Welcome to our Visitors . . .

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return again ... and bring others with you. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for. We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call the chaplain for an appointment. We are willing to provide additional services as needed. Simply call the Chapel Office (952-888-1525) or Chaplain Ken (612-747-1059). If you would like to talk about the sacrament of baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the chaplain. For bookings of the Chapel, contact the Fort Snelling State Park directly at 612-279-3555. Worship services are not subsidized or endorsed by the MN DNR.

Upholding the Chapel with our Membership Vows of ...

Prayers

Ron Casteel; Keegan Iversen; Arlene Amyotte; Barb Steffenson; Nancy Tjornhom; free SSgt Calvin Gibbs & Pfc Corey Clagett; JoAnn Harkins; Mel & Leslie Henschel; grandson Tyler; Kermit Bischoff; Patricia Adler; Henry Langer; Don & Barbara Patton; Mick Burkard; David Edstrom; Jim Gullickson; John Kruse; SGM Tom Staffa; Kathy Beale; Abraham Quiring; Rebecca Heller; Judy Goodman; Jackie Kleinsasser; Bill Hoppe; Margaret & Terry Flower; Harold & Ellen Harkins; Ed Schmidt; Eloise; 8-yr old Fletcher Draper's bone marrow transplant; Dorothea Johns; Janet Brautigam; Jeanette Buck; Roger Blasl; Kathy Henrickson; Len Koehnen; Dale & Karen Moore; Curt Utpadel; Stephen Anderson; Rory Rogney; Ken Swensen; Penny; Don Minor; Kathy O'Boyle; Cathy Hennelly; Bruce Sheldon; Harry Gall; Jeff Baumann; Michelle; Mark & Nancy; Christians in Syria, Congo, Palestine; 1-yr old Nicolas; Joe Swanson; family of Jayne Frank; peace in Ukraine & Israel

Presence

Sunday, 9 March 2025 witness at Chapel worship = **119** streaming = **24**

Gifts

Sunday, 9 March 2025 Chapel offering plate = **$3,611.00**

Service

Many thanks to our volunteer committee chairs.

For More Information:
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