

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**August 30, 2015**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

## **Welcome to worship this morning.**

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. Audio from the worship service can be heard in the library (adjacent to the sanctuary) and social hall.
- If you are visiting because of medical treatment at Mayo Clinic we offer our prayers for healing.
- Our activities and programs are open to all, member and friend alike.
- We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the atrium before and after the service.

*\* As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. \**

## **Gathering**

### **Prelude**

The Journey Sherman and Jennings  
(I Want Jesus to Walk with Me and Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child)  
Dwight Jennings, saxophone

*Our worship begins with the prelude. Let the power of the music speak to you of God's glory;  
let its quietness tell you of God's peace; let its beauty lift your hearts in prayer.*

### **Greeting and Welcome**

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

*This is the day the Lord has made*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*God gathers us to worship as the people of God;*

**God is eager to hear our voices raised in worship and praise.**

*With gratitude and humility we offer ourselves to the Lord.*

**Together let us worship God.**

Phyllis Schmid

### ◆ **Hymn 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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### **Call to Reconciliation** (please be seated)

*Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved  
Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### **Silent Confession**

### **Kyrie 576**

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus than it is to do it. We accept more readily the ways of the world than the strange ways of the cross. What others think of us is often more important than what you think of us. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to be faithful followers of the way of Christ. Amen.**

**Words of Life**

*Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love. Amen.*

◆ **Response 441** (stanza 1) Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

◆ **Passing of the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

**The Word**

**Prayer for Illumination 463** (stanza 1) How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

**Reading from the Epistles** James 1:17-27

**Anthem** I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills (Psalm 121) Paul Bouman  
Jane Murl and Laura Smith

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
the Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.  
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**Time for All Our Young Worshipers**

**Hymn 487** (stanza 1) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.  
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*Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.*

Children through third grade may go to room E206 for Children's Activities or are welcome to stay with their parents in worship. Children above third grade should stay in worship.

**Reading from the Gospel** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia from hymn 239** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! GELOBT SEI GOTT

**Message** *Defying Tradition* Rev. T. J. Parlette  
*\*\* A Moment for Reflection \*\**

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 321** The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 3  
**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

**Offertory**

At the Offertory For the Beauty of the Earth (see hymn 14 for text) John Rutter  
Jane Murl and Laura Smith

- ◆ **Offertory Response 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**  
**O Living God, let your grace infuse the gifts we offer today with life-giving power for those in need. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.**

**Sending**

- ◆ **Hymn 4** Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response 306** (stanza 1) Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS
- Postlude** Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor J. S. Bach

Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is appropriate.

<b>About Our Church</b>	
Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager Diane M. Johnston, Custodian
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<i>The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester          is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.</i>	
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## ***Calendar for the week of August 30 – September 6 (and beyond)***

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### **TODAY – August 30**

Through Labor Day Sunday (September 6) we have one service of worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by The Tollefson Family in memory of Ron Tollefson and Patrik Tollefson and Bob and Lois Johnson.

A **nursery** for infants through 2-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a quiet space for nursing mothers. An usher would be happy to direct you if you don't know where the nursery is located.

**Coffee and donuts** are available in the atrium both before and after today's service.

### **TUESDAY – September 1**

**Board of Deacons** meets at 7 p.m.

**Most committees** meet, although check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours.

### **WEDNESDAY – September 2**

**Worship and communion** at Charter House at 1 p.m.

**Madrigal Singers** rehearse at 6:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY – September 6**

**Worship and communion** at 9:30 a.m.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library after the service September 6 to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

### **MONDAY – September 7**

The **church** will be closed for Labor Day.

### **TUESDAY – September 8**

**Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area** will meet at 4 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake. Let the church office know if you'd like to attend.

**Worship and Music Committee** meets at 6 p.m.

**Madrigal Feasts Committee** meets at 6:30 p.m.

**FOM Committee** meets at 7:15 p.m.

### **THURSDAY – September 10**

**Prayer Shawl** group meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

**Jubilate Deo Bells** rehearses at 6:15 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY – September 11**

**Grand Opening** for new warehouse facilities at **Channel One** from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### **SATURDAY – September 12**

**Teacher Orientation** at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall for all Sunday school teachers to go over curriculum and the calendar year. There will be snacks, refreshments, and great fellowship!

### **SUNDAY – September 13**

**Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

**Kickoff Sunday/Ministries Fair** marks the start of FPC's Sunday school program year. Parents and children preK through high school can meet their teachers, learn what's new, re-connect with classmates, and visit classrooms. Church committees will have tables in the atrium to provide information about their ministries.

### **Education hour:**

**Nursery - preschool (3-year-old class):** go directly to your classrooms at 9:40 a.m.

9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5

9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1

9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grades 6 – adult education

10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4–grade 1

10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grade 2-5

### **Adults:**

9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study* in south fireside room ... *Matthew*

9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues* in Sheldon Jackson lounge ... *Rochester's Big Issues*

9:40 a.m.: *Parenting Class* in room A-101

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

Join us for an **ice cream social** and fellowship after the second service.

## ***For Your Information***

A big thank you to **Mark Mueller** for planning another summer of wonderful hikes. He finds some truly hidden gems and his history lessons are wonderful. Thank you, Mark, from all of your hiking companions.

**Wednesday Night Suppers.** Needed: People willing to prepare a simple, tasty supper on Wednesdays for 25-30 people. The group includes youth (choristers, bell ringers, and youth fellowship students), staff, Crafters, and Bible study attendees. Please consider taking a turn for one or several meals. Contact the church office (Sue Kruger) for more information and for available dates. Thank You.

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for the names of candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2016. There are positions open for six elders and seven Deacons. These are three-year terms, 2016-2018. There are five openings for next year's Nominating Committee, a one-year commitment. If you are interested in finding out more about what these positions entail, or if you'd like the committee to consider someone for a position, please contact Gayle Jones (lead elder), John Brandrup, Barbara Depman, Jane Murl, Robert Sannes, Lucy Schmidt, Frank Sharbrough, or Neil Shepard.

### **Have you signed up for your Good News?**

You're off to college or an out-of-town job. Have you (or your parents) made arrangements to have the church newsletter sent to you? Call the church office (282-1618) and we'll be happy to add your name to either the monthly mailed or weekly e-mail list (or both).

## ***Among the Church Family***

Congratulations to Ruth Pexton who will celebrate her 97th birthday September 8.

Congratulations to Lee Christensen who will celebrate his 97th birthday September 9.

Congratulations to Norman and Hilda Nelson who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary September 7.

### ***Join the Sunday school teacher team!***

We'd love you to join the Sunday school teacher team--as a regular teacher or an occasional substitute. We'll partner you with others and provide as much support as you need.

Please contact **Jean Marvin** (cjeanmarvin@gmail.com or 507-282-3427) if you'd like to volunteer or if you have questions. Thank you!