

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Phone 282-1618

Service for the Lord's Day
September 6, 2015
Fifteenth 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

Gott Des Himmels Und Der Erden
Trevor Carolan, guest organist

Bach/Walther

*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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praises to God all my life.

Put your trust in the God who created all that is around us.

Put your trust in the God who keeps faith forever and ever.

Put your trust in the One who calls us to worship in spirit and truth.

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◆ **Hymn 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them.

With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 576

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, we live each day because of your grace. Hear our confession as we recognize the many ways we fall short of your intentions. Forgive us for choosing to love only those who are dressed like us, speak like us, and share our experiences and way of living. We speak of our commitment to you but act in ways that deny you. Show us your grace and mercy that is beyond our understanding, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Life

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. Hear the Good News- You are forgiven. Walk in peace. 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 2:1-17

Anthem O Rest in the Lord
Melbourne Grovesnor, baritone

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

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 7:24-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Message *Sparring Partners* Rev. T. J. Parlette

** A Moment for Reflection **

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 530** One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We, the church, proclaim Jesus Christ: Son of God, merciful Savior, guiding Shepherd. We acknowledge him as faithful Healer, compassionate Brother, Prince of Peace. We honor him as Word Incarnate, Wisdom personified, Love with skin. To Jesus Christ be all praise and glory, for he alone is the Worthy Lamb. He alone defeated death and sits at God's right hand. Let us with joy boldly proclaim Jesus is the Christ! Amen.

Offertory

At the Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Melbourne Grovesnor, baritone

Douglas Blake

- ◆ **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

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless the gifts and the givers that we may show your love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted and provider for the poor. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.
The wine used in this sacrament is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Minister/Leader *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Minister/Leader *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Minister/Leader
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

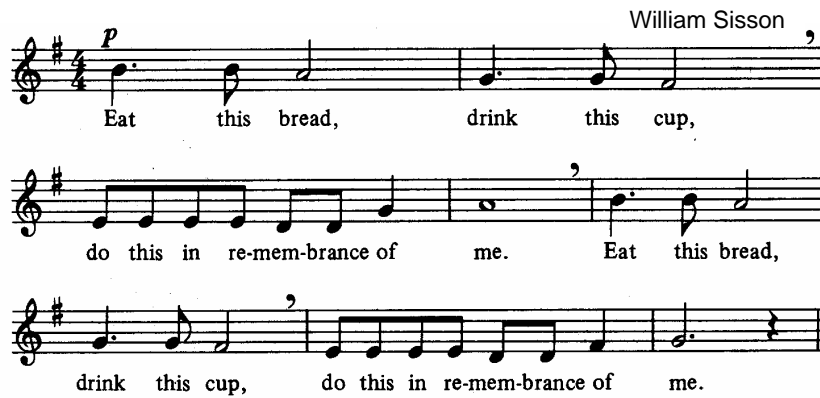


Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing "In Remembrance of Me."



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Prayer after Communion

Sending

- ◆ Hymn 733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Response 306 (stanza 1) Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS
- ◆ Postlude Prelude and Fugue in F Lubeck
Trevor Carolan, guest organist

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.

About Our Church

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

Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (closed)

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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Calendar for the week of September 6 – September 13 (and beyond)

TODAY – September 6

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. Special thanks go to Trevor Carolan, guest organist.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lois and Bruce Fye in memory of their parents.

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 the service.

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

Pick up your **all-church calendar** for 2015-2016 so you can plan for the church's yearlong cycle of activities.

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 Feaste Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

FOM Committee meets at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – September 9

Madrigal singers rehearse at 6:15 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

Channel One invites you to the **Grand Opening Celebration** of their new warehouse facilities 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 ... *Grace-based Parenting*

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

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

MONDAY – September 14

Interfaith Hospitality Network training at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Methodist Church. See the September Good News for more information or call Ken Boyer (282-3776) of Karen Sessler (226-3420).

WEDNESDAY – September 16

Priscilla Circle meets at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Crafters meets at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Bring your own craft project or help make cards for the C.A.R.E. members of our congregation. Supplies for the cards will be provided.

Madrigal singers rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday programming resumes on a revised schedule:

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Supper (suggested donation \$4/person or \$10 max/family)
6:15	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
6:15	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Adult Bible study— <i>Christians and Patriotism, pt 1</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

SATURDAY – September 19

Ruth Circle invites all church members to join them at 10 a.m. for an introduction to this year's Horizons Bible study, *Come to the Water*. Rev. Carol Shaffer will lead the presentation.

For Your Information

A search committee has been formed and is receiving applications for a part-time **Youth & Christian Education Coordinator**. For information about qualifications and an application, see the posting on the Presbytery website:
<http://www.presbyterytwincities.org/EmploymentOpportunities>

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).

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.

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!

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Peter and Isabelle Dyck who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary September 11.

Congratulations to Robert and Charlene Kyle who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary also on September 11.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Helen Shields, who died August 6.

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A report from mission team to the Bdecan Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church sent two mission teams to Tokio, North Dakota the first week in August. Members on the Bible School team were Sylvia Swede, Marcia Dollerschell, Gayle Jones, Britta Youmans, Ruth Saling, Jane Hallman and Marylynn Aalderks. Jon Closson and Dwight Jones worked on enhancing the appearance of the church property.

The Bible School team worked with a team from Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Renville, Minnesota to provide Bible School to 40 children from the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation . They ranged in ages from kindergarten through fifth grade. The Bible Stories taught were about Joseph and the resurrection of Jesus. The children enjoyed learning the special music and motions. Games were played each day to encourage children to safely share something about themselves while gaining self-esteem. The crafts were a super success as well. The children really enjoyed working on the crafts and simple board games. The children received a healthy breakfast snack and fruit juice when they arrived each day and later enjoyed a hot noon meal. The members of our team bonded with the children and were able to share God's love for them. It was a joy to worship with the members of the Bdecan Church before returning home.

Dwight and Jon worked on enhancing the appearance of the church property by mowing the cemetery, improving the landscaping, and painting the picnic tables at the church as well as installing a safety rail at the manse.

We wish to thank the people of First Presbyterian Church for the love and support they have shown for the children of the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and the Bdecan Presbyterian Church by allowing our teams to travel to North Dakota to provide Bible School to these children and share God's love with them. Ruth Circle sent a contribution with the mission team that was used to help fund the food pantry at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church.

In addition, please note that during church services on October 4, the Bible School team will present the doxology that we taught to the Bible School kids. Between services on October 11, the mission team will discuss the Bdecan mission trip and show slides of the trip in the social hall. (Marylynn Aalderks)

Members of Session for 2015

2015	2016	2017
Chris Boswell	Ken Aalderks	Chris Bauch
Jon Closson	Jay Beck	Casey Clements
Julie Doppler	Eileen Hay	Jackie Moen
Diane Grill	Gayle Jones	Jane Murl
Andrew Pruett	Tom Sherman	Gabe Perkins
Timothy Smith		Paul Steger

Members of Board of Deacons for 2015

2015	2016	2017
Steven Aug	Marylynn Aalderks	Amy Dollerschell
Marcia Dollerschell	Rachel Beukema	John Hohnstein
Jackie James	Judy Felten	Leslie Litwiller
Michael McDonough	Jane Hallman	Robert Litwiller
Hope Meschke	Heather Harrer	Yvonne Nkwelle Mesumbe
Vicky Pileggi	Charlotte Higgins	Bev Salomonsen
JoAnna Pruett	Neil Shepard	