

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**September 13, 2015**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 and 11 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 social hall following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service.

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

## **Gathering**

**Prelude**

Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare)

Benedetto Marcello

*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**

(8:30) Belinda Galeano  
(11:00) Judy Kruesel

*Look at the heavens!*

**They are shouting the glory of God.**

*The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.*

**Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

*Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.*

*Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!*

## **◆ Hymn 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

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

*Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.*

## **Silent Confession**

**Kyrie 430** (stanza 1)

Remember Not, O God (Psalm 79)

SOUTHWELL

Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;  
In tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

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◆ Please stand if you are able.



## Lord, You Have the Words

Dale Wood

Psalm 19 David Haas

Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

The image shows a musical score for a single line of music. It is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the staff.

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(11:00) Panis Angelicus (O Lord, Most Holy)

César Franck

Robert Jacobson, baritone

O Lord, most holy, O Lord, most mighty,  
O Loving Father, Thee would we be praising always  
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee,  
Father, Father, grant us thy truth and grace  
Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep thee our wandering thought,  
In all our sorrow let us find our rest in Thee.  
And in temptation's hour save through Thy mighty power  
Thine aid, O send us, hear us in mercy.  
Show us Thy favor, so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.  
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### 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 8:27-38

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Message

*How to save your life*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

**\*\* A Moment for Reflection \*\***

### ***Our Response***

◆ Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

◆ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

## Offertory

At the Offertory  
(8:30)

Anthem of Dedication  
Chancel Choir; Barbara Depman, soloist

Warren Martin

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my lips, and let them be fill'd with messages from Thee, Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my will, and make it Thine: It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own: It shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasurestore. Take myself, and I will be ever, only all for Thee.

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, That where Thou are in glory there shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend. Amen.

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(11:00)

A Simple Path I Walk Along  
Robert Jacobson, baritone

Valerie Showers Crescenz

A simple path I walk along, and though the journey's long, the Lord Himself shall go with me, His strength will make me strong.

A simple path I walk along, and others go with me, the suffering ones, the homeless ones, and those in poverty. Yet in each face I look upon, it's Jesus that I see, For Jesus said, "As you do to them, so you do to me."

A simple path I walk along, and by His grace I go, so when the lonely reach for me the love of God they'll know. He helps me lift the heavy yoke of those placed in my care, and ev'ry burden now becomes my privilege to bear.

On this path I walk along, no mansions line the way, just little shacks and tenements, darkness and decay. But yet this humble, simple path leads right to heaven's door. The Lord Himself will greet me there, to live forevermore.

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- ◆ **Offertory Response 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDRETH  
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.

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given to us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## *Sending*

- ◆ **Hymn 826** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

- ◆ **Benediction**

- ◆ **Response 541** (stanza one) **God Be with You Till We Meet Again** RANDOLPH  
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude** Let Heaven and Earth Rejoice 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.

### **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  
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is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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## **Calendar for the week of September 13 – September 20 (and beyond)**

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### **TODAY – September 13**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dick and Jan Bennett in memory of family and friends.

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.

**Kickoff Sunday and 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.

The Worship and Music Committee has published a book about the history and meaning of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary and library. You may buy a copy in the atrium for \$15. Make check to "FPC."

**Education hour:** Please note classes with an asterisk will not last the full time on Kickoff Sunday.

**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*

The adult Bible Study class "Grace Based Parenting" will not meet this week. Instead class will begin on Sunday, September 20 during the education hour. Join us today in the atrium at Kickoff Sunday to learn more about this study.

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

Join us for an **ice cream social** in the atrium after the second service.

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

### **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) or Karen Sessler (226-3420).

**Nominating Committee** will meet at 6 p.m.

### **TUESDAY – September 15**

**Session** will meet at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

Items for the **October newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to [fpccarol@hotmail.com](mailto:fpccarol@hotmail.com).

### **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 new schedule:

<b>Wednesday Activities</b>	
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)

### **THURSDAY – September 17**

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

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

### **SATURDAY – September 19**

FPC's **Habitat for Humanity** team will work from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (or whenever you need to leave). Contact Sarah Edgerton for the location (536-9637 or [Edgerton.Sarah@gmail.com](mailto:Edgerton.Sarah@gmail.com)). The group also plans to work the third Saturday in October as the weather allows.

**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. **Esther Circle** will meet with Ruth Circle in September.

### **SUNDAY – September 20**

**Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

### **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>

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. We also need one elder for a one-year term and one Deacon for a two-year term. 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.

**Wednesday Night Suppers.** Needed: Volunteers to prepare a simple, tasty supper on Wednesdays for 25-30 people. The group includes youth (choristers, bell ringers, and youth fellowship students), staff, 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.

**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 mailed or weekly e-mail version (or both).

***Among the Church Family***

Congratulations to Kenneth and Laura Irvin who will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary September 18.  
Congratulations to Kathryn and Casey Lenn and Paul and Shelley Steger on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Cecelia Kathryn Lenn, September 8.

***Statement of Mission***  
*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Rochester, Minnesota*

- The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, our church shall work toward the following goals:
  - To nurture the members of the church with a strong worship experience and compassionate pastoral leadership
  - To encourage active participation in worship by individuals and families
  - To strengthen faith and commitment by promoting vital Christian education, music, and fellowship programs for all ages
  - To be a caring church community that ministers to individual needs
  - To recognize our unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual needs of visitors to the medical center
  - To share our faith through mission and social concern outreach in both the local and world community
  - To maintain strong ties with Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to fulfill our responsibilities toward these bodies