

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 27, 2015
Eighteenth 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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Adolphus Hailstork

*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.

Minute for Forums@First

Social Concerns Committee

Minute for Stewardship

Paul Steger

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 124

(8:30) Dudley Parsons

(11:00) Van Jacobsen

If it had not been for God, who was on our side,

We would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us;

We would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

**God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name
of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God's holy name!

◆ **Hymn 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 430 (stanza 1)

Remember Not, O God (Psalm 79)
Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;
In tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

SOUTHWELL

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, our strength and salvation, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Words of Life

Though we may wander from the truth, God brings us back and saves our souls from death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri 581**

Glory Be to the Father

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◆ **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 (please be seated)

Lee J. Afdahl

O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Reading from the Old Testament

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Voluntary (8:30)

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

J. S. Bach

Anthem (11:00)

Servants of Peace

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir and congregation (see music on back page)

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 Kids' Zone or are welcome to stay with their parents in worship. Children above third grade should stay in worship.

Reading from the Gospel

Mark 9:38-41

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Message

Serving an Unnamed God

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 772**

Live Into Hope

TRURO

◆ **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)

Prayer

René Vierne

(11:00)

Prayer to Jesus
Chancel Choir

Words Richard Rolle (1300-1349)
Set to music by George Oldroyd

Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought, be Thou my love and all my thought, and help that I may to Thee
be brought, withouten Thee I may do nought.

Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will, and naething is that Thee may let, with grace my heart fulfil, my love
and my liking in Thee is set.

Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee. That I have done ill
Jhesu forgive Thou me, and suffer me never to spill.

Jhesu for pity, for pity. Amen, Amen.

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◆ **Offertory Response 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

**Your gift of life, O God, is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey to
our lips. Take these gifts and receive our lives; refine them and purify them and
let them be for the world a sign of your goodness and grace; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

◆ **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

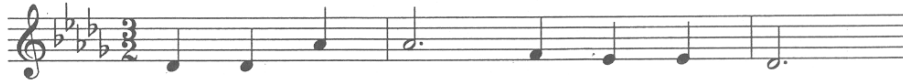
When in Our Music God Is Glorified

David Cherwien

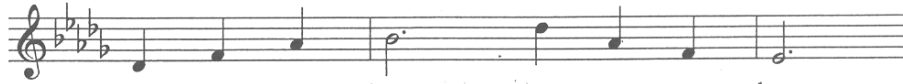
Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is appropriate.

Servants of Peace

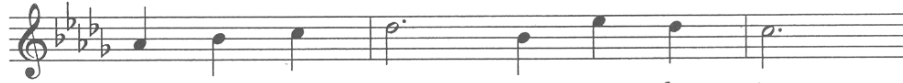
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All 1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace:
 Women 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
 Choir 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek
 All 4 May we not look for love's re - turn,
 All 5 Dy - ing, we live and are re - born



where there is hate, may we sow love;
 where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
 to be con - soled, but to con - sole,
 but seek to love un - self - ish - ly.
 through death's dark night to end - less day.



where there is hurt, may we for - give;
 Men where all is night, may we sow light;
 nor look to un - der - stand - ing hearts,
 For in our giv - ing we re - ceive,
 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace,



where there is strife, may we make one.
 where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 and in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n.
 to wake at last in heav - en's light.

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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.

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Calendar for the week of September 27 – October 4 (and beyond)

TODAY – September 27

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Char Davis in memory of her parents and twin sister, Joan.

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.

Education hour:

9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (2-years-old)

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 grades 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 ... *Break Up the Ten Commandments!*

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

Join us for lunch after the second service

(about 12:30 p.m.) when we will honor Rev. Parlette's 25th anniversary as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. There is no charge for the meal, but a freewill donation will be accepted.

TUESDAY – September 29

Faith in Action. The Social Concerns Committee will present their next *Forums@First*, titled DESPERATE TIMES MADE WORSE, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of this Forum is to address the lack of mental health resources and the impact it is having on patients, families, medical facilities, courts, police departments, social services agencies, AND YOU! As taxpayers, we are obligated to pay for bills of patients needing to be transferred out of state when local facilities are unavailable (either due to no bed availability or no resources exist, i.e., only 25% of Minnesota Hospitals offer mental health services). As concerned citizens, we should be concerned that 400-500 children do not receive mental health services annually in Minnesota (imagine if 400-500 Minnesota children needed surgery but no surgery beds were available). Minnesota now ranks 50th (!) in terms of services available to mental health patients.

Please join us and representatives from the Minnesota Hospital Association, the area courts (Judge Kevin Lund or county attorney), County Commissioners, area State Representatives and Senators, local colleges, City Council, and the general public, in a very informative panel discussion, followed by a question and answer session. Remember, 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, here at FPC. See you there.

(K. J. Aalderks, Social Concerns Committee)

WEDNESDAY – September 30

Madrigal Singers rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Singers (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>The Trinity, part 1</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – October 1

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – October 4 (World Communion Sunday)

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

At the 11 a.m. service, the congregation of Spiritual Gifts Church will join us for worship and will help lead worship and communion.

Peacemaking Offering will be dedicated.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library between services October 4 to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

SUNDAY – October 11

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A Festival of Music will present Gabriel Preisser, lyric baritone, in the opening concert of the 2015-2016 season at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

For Your Information

The Worship and Music Committee has just published "**Stained Glass Splendor**," a book about the history and meaning of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary and library. You can buy a copy in the atrium or office for \$15. Make check to "FPC."

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 Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will be held Saturday, October 17, at North Presbyterian Church, No. St. Paul. The theme for the day is "Haiti: Poorest of the Poor." PW will pay for registration, which includes lunch, for any woman who wishes to attend. Get your registration form to Peg Parsons, treasurer, by October 9.

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Louise Bastron who will celebrate her 92nd birthday September 30.

Congratulations to Ruth Guy who will celebrate her 91st birthday October 5.

Congratulations to William and Judy Haas who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary October 6.