

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**October 4, 2015**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**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**

Fantasy in C minor  
Lois Marsh, guest organist

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 from Mission Trip; teach the Doxology**

### **VERSE**

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.

(Repeat VERSE)

### **CHORUS**

Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son.

Praise to our God, who shines down his love.

Praise God, praise God, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

(Sing VERSE)

(Sing CHORUS)

(Repeat CHORUS)

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Worship**

(8:30) Jay Youmans

(11:00) Diane Grill

*We gather as the people of God.*

**All have come from east and west and from north and south to worship  
God together.**

*We gather as the people of God.*

**We are young and old, our skin has many colors, we are women and men, boys and girls, and we are here to worship God together.**

*We gather as the people of God.*

**In our diversity we gather, in our unity we worship and are one. Together let us worship God.**

◆ **Hymn 317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

McAFEE

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

*In God, we find light for our darkness, and through that light we discover the things that separate us from God. Let us confess our sin to Almighty God.*

**Silent Confession**

**Kyrie 604**

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**When we think too highly of ourselves and forget that we are but dust, forgive us, God of mercy. When we think too lowly of ourselves and forget that you love us beyond our understanding, forgive us, God of mercy. When we treat others without grace; when we overlook those who need care; when we hurt those whom we love; forgive us, God of mercy. When we take your love for granted, or fail to heed your gracious commandments, or act according to our own wills and not yours, forgive us, God of mercy. Forgive us and free us, merciful God. Remind us of the love you give us through Jesus Christ, our savior. Teach us to live righteously – doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

**Words of Life**

*Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God! Live in peace! Amen.*

◆ **Response (see page 1)** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ **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 460** (st. 1) (seated) Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

**Reading from the Psalms**

Psalm 26

**Anthem** (8:30)

The Call

George Herbert

Setting by David Ashley White

Chancel Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth that ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

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(11:00)

Spiritual Gifts Sudanese Choir

**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 Old Testament**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Response 587**      Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!      CELTIC ALLELUIA

**Message**      *The Ballad of a Man Named Job: part 1*      Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 353**      My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less      SOLID ROCK

◆ **Litany for World Communion**      (11:00) Suzi Lado and Sara Lado

*Let us give thanks for the churches that together form our Lord's whole church.*

**There is one Body and one Spirit, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.**

*We are grateful, O God, for the **Roman Catholic** church,*

**Gloriously renewed in our century, open to unity in witness and service.**

*We praise you for the churches of **Eastern Orthodoxy**:*

**For the mystic beauty of their liturgies, their vivid sense of the Risen Lord, their profound communal experience.**

*We thank you for the churches named after your servant, **Martin Luther**:*

**For their witness to the primacy of your Word and of your gift of faith, by which alone we are justified.**

*We glorify you for the churches of the **Reformed and Presbyterian** family:*

**For their stress on your sovereignty and our responsibility, and for their devotion to liberty within order.**

*We thank you for the **Anglican** church:*

**For her inclusiveness, her flexibility, her unfaltering commitment to reconciliation and reunion.**

*We praise you for churches of the **Baptist** tradition:*

**For their insistence on the freedom of your Spirit and on our need to be reborn by that Spirit.**

*We are grateful, O God, for the churches of **Methodism**:*

**For their testimony on behalf of a disciplined Christian life and for their courageous pursuit of social justice.**

*We praise you for your people known as **Friends**:*

**For the simple dignity of their meetings, their respect for the Inner Light, their commitment to nonviolence.**

*We praise you for the churches of **Pentecostalism**:*

**For their emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit.**

*We thank you for **independent churches** and those of **smaller denominations**,*

**Who are on fire to share the faith.**

We thank you for the young churches of **Africa, Asia and the Pacific Basin:**  
**For their evangelistic vigor, their service to the poor, their witness on behalf of human liberation.**

We glorify you for the pioneers of the twentieth-century **Ecumenical Movement** fostering cooperation and reunion in the place of strangeness and frequent, unseemly rivalry.

**O God, whose divine Son prayed that we might all be one in him, accept our thanksgiving for the spiritual riches inherent in the diversity of his churches, but remind us even more of the reality of his one ecumenical church, for “there is one Body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” Amen.**

**Offertory**

At the Offertory  
 (8:30)

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether  
 Chancel Choir

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them; Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.  
 As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.  
 All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

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(11:00)

Holy Spirit, Light Divine  
 Lois Marsh, guest organist

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

◆ **Offertory Response**

KINGDOM

For the gifts which you have given, for the love which you have poured,  
 for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

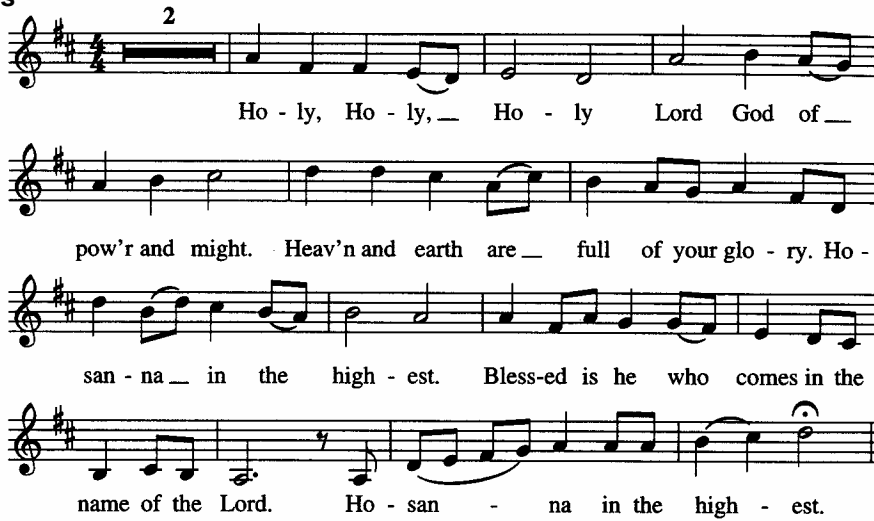
**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The first staff is for the Minister/Cantor, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff is for the People, with lyrics: "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 ...

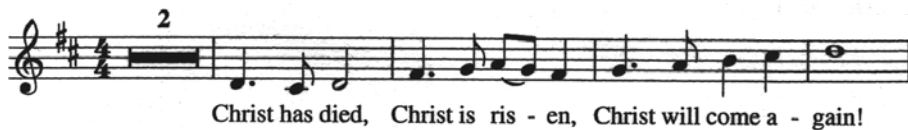
## Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth 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.

... Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

## Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

## Lord's Prayer in languages from around the world

### Pulpit

Taiwanese – Yamei Wang  
Japanese – Kiyomi Takekawa  
Chinese – Yamei Wang  
Arabic (11:00) – Sarah Jouth

### Lectern

German – Anneliese Opitz  
French – Connie Larson  
American Sign Language (11:00) –  
Marissa Larson and Ashley Reuss  
Spanish (11:00) – Ariel Boswell

## 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 hymn 507 "Come to the Table of Grace."

At the 11:00 service Hilary Jada and Roseline Oyenk of the Spiritual Gifts Church will assist with the Distribution of the Elements.

## Prayer after Communion

### *Sending*

◆ Hymn 496 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed ARFON

◆ Benediction

◆ Benediction Response 748 Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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## Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing Melchior Vulpius (c. 1570-1615)  
Lois Marsh, 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.

Some of the service music was written by Lee Afdahl and is published in "Holy Is the Lord" ©2003.

## **Calendar for the week of October 4 – October 11 (and beyond)**

### **TODAY – October 4**

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today, with a special 'thank you' to Lois Marsh, guest organist.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lynn Postier in memory of loves ones.

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 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 ... *Practical Wisdom*

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

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

**Peace & Global Witness Offering** (formerly Peacemaking) will be dedicated at both services.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library from **9:15-10:15 a.m.** today to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

### **TUESDAY – October 6**

**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 – October 7**

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

**Madrigal Singers** rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

<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>The Trinity, part 2</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

### **THURSDAY – October 8**

**Prayer Shawl group** will meet at 1 p.m.

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

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

### **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. His program is titled "The Melody Lingers On."

### **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 office for \$15. Make check to "FPC."

A two-week **new member class** begins October 18. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about our church, is welcome. The class will meet in the conference room (A-209) at 9:40 a.m. If you decide to join, new members will meet with the Session October 25 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service that day.

**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.

October is First Presbyterian's month to provide paper products and other needed items for the **Gift of Life Transplant House**. A list of requested items and a box for your contributions are in the foyer.

If you have questions about your **Statement of Contributions** that you received this week for the 3rd quarter, call Sue Kruger or Carol Evans (282-1618) and we'll be happy to talk through it. Thanks for your continuing support!

**Implementation Committee.** We are outfitting the multipurpose room to support many activities with an emphasis on youth activity areas. To this end we have several upcoming work opportunities at our church. Starting September 30 and continuing over the next three or four weeks, we will have volunteer work that could be done by our members. Work includes hanging drywall and studs, taping, painting, hanging doors, and some clean out work. Work can be scheduled either during day or evening hours depending on people's schedules. If interested, contact Ron Kreinbring (282-5568).

### **Among the Church Family**

Congratulations to William and Sharon Nichols who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary October 12.

### **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 (9:30 a.m.-noon)

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