

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
October 18, 2015
Twenty-first 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

O, for a Thousand Tongues

Paul Bouman

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 Madrigal Christmas Feaste

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 104

(8:30) Joan Rockwell
(11:00) Douglas Brown

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

We give glory, honor and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.

◆ **Hymn 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

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

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Life

People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses. Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in service and love. Amen.

◆ **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.

◆ **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 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Anthem (8:30) They Who Wait for the Lord (Isaiah 40:28-31) John Carter
Chancel Choir; Dwight Jennings, saxophone

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted. But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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(11:00) On Eagle's Wings (See hymn 45 for text.) Joncas and Hayes
Robert Jacobson, baritone

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 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 38:1-7, 34-41

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 3* Rev. T. J. Parlette
**** A Moment for Reflection ****

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 689** When the Morning Stars Together WEISSE FLAGGEN

◆ **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) Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103:1-2,8-9) Mikail M. Ippolitof-Ivanof
English text adapted by N. Lindsay Norden

Chancel Choir

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord
and forget not all His benefits: Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy
Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be
chiding nor keepeth He, His wrath, His wrath forever, His wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and
all that is within me bless His holy Name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

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(11:00)

Grace (See hymn 649 for text.)
Robert Jacobson, baritone

Miller, Jackson, Hayes

◆ **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**

**Gracious God, we offer you these gifts. Multiply them so that they might help
build your kingdom on earth and be of service to the body of Christ, in whose
name we pray. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 298** Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

◆ **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

Finale

Gerald Bales

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

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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 October 18 – October 25 (and beyond)

TODAY – October 18

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Jane Hallman in memory of Horace Hallman and 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.

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 ... *Nostalgia is good for you*
- 9:40 a.m.: *Parenting Class* in room A-101 ... *"Grace Based Parenting"*

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

A two-week **new member class** begins today.

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.

Take a hike! Meet at the **Willow Creek Reservoir** at 1 p.m. The parking lot is at the end of Lone Pine Drive SW. We will hike the trail that goes around the reservoir and enjoy the beautiful fall colors. We will also talk a little about the history of Rochester flood control. We might even get to see the eagles that have a nest in the area. For more information, contact Mark Mueller (markmueller@chartermi.net).

MONDAY – October 19

Esther Circle meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

TUESDAY – October 20

Session meets at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – October 21

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.

Join Christian Education at 5:45 p.m. for its 3rd annual Octoberfest festivities. Enjoy brats on the grill with Chef Dan Wentz, German potato salad, sauerkraut, cole slaw, and more. Dan will brew his special home made root beer and Lea Jennings will top off the evening with her lively accordion music. (Christian Education)

Madrigal Singers rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

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>Resolving conflicts</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – October 22

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – October 25 (Reformation Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Madrigal Christmas Feaste. We are excited as we get closer to the much anticipated sale of tickets for the Madrigal Christmas Feaste. Tickets go on sale for \$25 each on October 25 after each worship service. If we have tickets remaining, they will be sold on November 1 after worship services. We can only seat 96 people for the event. This means that our usual style of making reservations or 'seating yourself' will not work, so we are assigning people to tables. For this reason, we have to have names when tickets are purchased. Please be patient with us ... we want our church members to have a wonderful experience with the Madrigal. We look forward to seeing you for this premier event. (Madrigal Committee)

Take a hike through Quarry Hill – autumn edition. Meet at the Quarry Hill parking lot at 1 p.m. (2100 9th Street NE). We'll see the site of the slaughter house, soap house, the first and the main quarries, dynamite shack, and mortuary cave. We'll check the site of what was once the largest rock crusher in the state of Minnesota and see the grave of a man who could be considered the first black male slave freed by Abraham Lincoln. If you have any questions, contact Mark Mueller (markmueller@chartermi.net).

For Your Information

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** (formerly Peacemaking) was dedicated October 4, but you can contribute any time in October by sending your donation to the church or putting it in the offering plate on Sunday. Please note "Peacemaking" on your check.

The Worship and Music Committee recently 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 your check payable to "FPC."

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.

The **Implementation Committee** and helpers are working on the multipurpose room. Come downstairs and see the new PW storage room taking shape. The committee is also looking at options for new chairs in the social hall. If you have any suggestions, call Bev Lewis (288-8959). The committee welcomes all help with its projects.