

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
November 8, 2015
Twenty-fourth 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

Let All Things Now Living

David Cherwien

*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) Jo Rockwell
(11:00) Allen Dollerschell

Unless the Lord builds the house,

Those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city,

The guard keeps watch in vain.

Do not toil anxiously, from dawn through the night,

**For the Lord gives sleep to those God loves, providing for their needs,
night and day.**

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us confess our sins to the one who sacrificed for us and waits in mercy to forgive.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a fermata over the first measure, followed by the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,'. The second staff continues with 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, we need the renewal of your forgiving grace. We fail to live simply in dependence upon you. We try to provide for ourselves, as if there were blessings apart from you. We clutch our possessions in anxiety, as if they, not you, give us value. We seek human recognition and honor rather than humbling ourselves to serve your glory. Though you give us all we need, we resist giving to others. Free us, O God, from our sin and the selfishness which ensnares us. Touch our hearts again with your gracious love in Jesus Christ, who though he was rich became poor for our sakes, that through his poverty we might become rich. Amen.

Words of Life

Christ, who is our high priest, made himself a sacrifice once and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, be reconciled to God, sin no more, and do all things for the glory of God. Amen.

Gloria Patri

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Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now and ev-er shall be. World with-out end. A - men.

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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 441 (st. 1) Hear the Good News of Salvation

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Reading from the New Testament

Hebrews 9:24-28

Anthem (8:30) Now Thank We All Our God
Chancel Choir

J. S. Bach

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices. Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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(11:00) I Know the Lord Traditional, arr. Eggert
Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me
Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me
King Jesus preaching to the poor
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me

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 12:38-44

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Response from 326

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Message

The Return of the Widow

Rev. T. J. Parlette

Moment for Reflection Hymn 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

LISTEN

Our Response

Dedication of Pledges

Prayer of Consecration (in unison)

O God, our gracious and generous creator, we gratefully acknowledge your ownership and recognize our stewardship. All we have is a trust from you. We thank you that through Christ's love, we have learned the relationship between giving and living. Teach us to give as loyal partners with him. We would pledge to you an honorable share of our income. May our pledges express our genuine, sincere faith and true loyalty. Use us and our offerings to extend the worldwide kingdom of him who loved us and gave himself for us. In his name we pray and pledge. Amen.

Offering our Pledges to God

Please come down the center aisle and place your pledges in the baskets on the communion table. There are extra pledge cards in the pew racks if necessary. The regular offering will be received later in the service.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, who has shown us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, we dedicate these pledges to the service of your church, humbly praying that all our gifts and energies may be used in the extension of your kingdom here on earth. Accept these pledges, we pray; multiply them in your service and then transform them into loving deeds of grace and mercy, given in Christ's name and to the everlasting glory of your name – for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

◆ Hymn of Dedication 712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

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

Offertory

At the Offertory
(8:30)

Offertory (Micah 6:6-8)
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
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(11:00)

Though I May Speak

Dale Wood

- ◆ **Offertory Response 643** (stanza 1) **Now Thank We All Our God** NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
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- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Almighty God, whether we have given from abundance or from little, we humbly offer these gifts to you, and for the glory of your name, through your son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response**



Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Charles Callahan

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 J Afdahl and is published in "Holy Is the Lord" ©2003.

Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for 9:30 a.m., immediately following the first service, to elect new classes of deacons and elders and congregational representatives for the Endowment and Nominating Committees.

The Nominating Committee will present the names of
Jamie Carroll and Beverly Tuohy for deacon in the Class of 2017 and Debra Bauch, Brett Carroll, June Lee, David Lewis, Rosella Lund, Beverly Olander, and Lucy Schmidt for deacon in the Class of 2018;
Dan Wentz for elder in the Class of 2016 and Kenneth Boyer, Fabian Luna, Mark Mueller, Sharon Nichols, Karen Sessler, and Jay Youmans for elder in the Class of 2018;
James Talen for the endowment committee Class of 2018; and
Jeremy Braun, Ronald Kreinbring, Cindy Kunzman, Wendy Shannon, and Laura Smith for the nominating committee Class of 2016.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the nominee has given prior approval to having his or her name placed on the slate.

Rick Morris named Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Rick Morris began his journey to ministry at Wheaton College in Illinois where he majored in Biblical and Theological studies. While there, his first ministry experience was as a Christian wilderness guide for high school boys. At the same time, Rick was active in student organizing and environmental activism from a Christian perspective. These twin paths mark his life to the present.



Rick graduated and headed to Princeton Seminary in his native New Jersey. There he worked as a student pastor and a hospital chaplain. The seminary sent him abroad to Japan where he studied sustainable agriculture and nonprofit administration. Upon returning to NJ, he helped organize a seminary student movement and served as an environmental issues coordinator for its Princeton arm.

After graduating Rick spent two years apprenticing on an organic vegetable farm and working for a Minnesota based nonprofit focused on family farms and sustainability. All the while he has been involved in the church, from teaching classes to preaching.

Rick is excited to explore Christian spirituality rooted in faith and service together with First Presbyterian Church as your new Youth and Christian Education Coordinator.

Rick will be in the social hall after the election of officers and in the atrium following the second service so you can meet him and welcome him to First Presbyterian Church.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist
Rick Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Diane M. Johnston-Arthur, 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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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Calendar for the week of November 8 – November 15 (and beyond)

TODAY – November 8

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by David and Dwight Jones in memory of their mother, Mary E. Jones.

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

"Stewardship 2016: Together we can make a difference, grow the church, enrich the community, change the world." Our ability to accomplish our goal is dependent on the generous financial support of the congregation. Please do your part by making a generous pledge and returning your card during worship today; by mail; or in the offering plate any Sunday before the end of November. There are extra pledge cards in the pew racks if you forgot yours today or if you already returned yours and would like to go forward when we dedicate the pledges.

Sign up today in the atrium to have your picture taken for the new **picture directory**. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

TUESDAY – November 10

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet at 4 p.m. at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian in St. Paul. Call the church office (282-1618) if you'd like to attend.

WEDNESDAY – November 11

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>"Anger and the Bible, part 2"</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – November 12

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.

SATURDAY – November 14

An **AGO workshop** with Jeremy Filsell, concert organist, will be held at 9:30 a.m. in our sanctuary.

Madrigal singers will rehearse at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – November 15

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A **Festival of Music** will present Jeremy Filsell, concert organist, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Dr. Filsell is artist-in-residence at Washington National Cathedral, director of music at the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C., and Professor of Organ at the Catholic University of America.

MONDAY – November 16

Items for the **December newsletter** are due. Turn them in to the church office or e-mail them to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

For Your Information

On Wednesday evenings in December Rev. Parlette will lead an **Advent study** based on the book "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton. You can order the book (\$13) and devotional (\$7) in the church office. Deadline for ordering the book is November 16.

Madrigal Christmas Feaste. Yes, we still have tickets available for the Madrigal Christmas Feaste on December 5 at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets are now on sale in the office for \$25 each.

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the **poinsettia fund**. The plants will decorate the sanctuary in December and then be delivered by the Deacons to our 40 C.A.R.E. members. To contribute, put your check (note for poinsettias) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

The **Implementation Committee** is busy working in the multi purpose room. Come down and see the new walls and cabinets. Anyone willing to help with the work, please call Ron Kreinbring (282-5568)

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Lewis Woolner who will celebrate his 102nd birthday November 17.

Happy Birthday to William Johnson, who will celebrate his 91st birthday November 17.

We extend our condolences to Ursula and Alfred Thedens on the death of Ursula's sister this week in California.

Congratulations to Helmut and Heide Buettner on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Johann Buettner, born November 3 to Kerstin Buettner and Kellene Hadrava.

WEATHER ADVISORY

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTC-TV, KTTC.com, put it on our WEB page FPCRochester.org, put it on the church's answering machine, and, if possible, send you an e-mail. Whenever canceling is a possibility, please check these sources for up-to-date information.