

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**November 15, 2015**  
**Twenty-fifth 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

<b>Prelude</b>	(8:30)	Now Thank We All Our God	Anna Laura Page
		Alleluia Ringers; Melissa Wobig, violin	
	(11:00)	Joyful Praise	Hal Hopson
		Joyous Praise Handbell Choir	

*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) Lucinda Cutrer  
(11:00) Jane Hallman

*Let our hearts exult in the Lord;*

**Our strength is exalted in God.**

*Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;*

**God has given us the victory.**

*There is no Holy One like the Lord;*

**There is no Rock like our God.**

*Let us worship the Lord!*

◆ **Hymn 624** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.*

## Silent Confession

## Kyrie



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

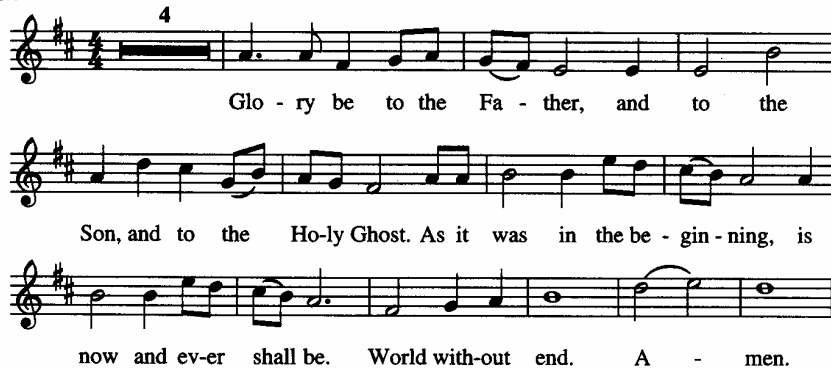
## Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous path. Forgive us, merciful God, and lead us in your humble way, for the sake of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## Words of Life

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another, holding fast to the confession of our hope, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
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.

## ◆ 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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**First Old Testament Reading**

1 Samuel 1:4-20

**Anthem (8:30)**

Be Thou a Smooth Way  
Chancel Choir

Ralph M. Johnson

Be thou a smooth way before me, be thou a guiding star above me, be thou a keen eye behind me, this day, this night, for ever.

I am weary, and I forlorn lead thou me to the land of the angels. If only thou, O God of life, be at peace with me, my support, be to me as a star, be to me as a helm, from my lying down in peace to my rising anew.

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(11:00) Song of Hannah (based on 1 Samuel 1,2) John Horman  
Youth Trio; Barbara Depman, accompanist

My heart rejoices in the Lord! I find my strength in thee.  
My heart is filled with joy! A son has been given to me.  
Enemies I fear no more. Salvation comes to me.  
Holy is the Lord, my God, the first, the last to be.  
Pride will not deceive me now. My mouth shall speak no ill,  
For God alone is the God of Truth, abide I must I will. Alleluia!

### 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.

### Second Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-10

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Response from 326** Alleluia! Alleluia! SINE NOMINE

**Message** *Spiritual but not religious – really?* Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

### ***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 324** For All the Faithful Women NYLAND

◆ **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) Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might John Gardner  
Chancel Choir

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.  
Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

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(11:00) This Little Light of Mine Robert Harris  
Youth Trio; Barbara Depman, accompanist

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, all the time.

- ◆ **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**  
**Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. Amen.**

***Sending***

- ◆ **Hymn 629** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

- ◆ **Benediction**

- ◆ **Response**



- Postlude** Now Thank We All Our God Bach, Fox

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.

**First Presbyterian Church  
 plans Congregational Picture Directory**

Have you signed up yet to have your family photo taken for our new **Congregational Picture Directory**? Photography sessions can be scheduled for December 9-12 or January 12-14. Times available are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12.

You can make an appointment on-line by going to our FPC website: [www.fpcrochester.org](http://www.fpcrochester.org). Half-way down the page click on "New picture directory planned" and then follow the link (in blue) to the directory signup. You can also make an appointment after worship services on November 15. If you have not scheduled an appointment by Sunday, November 15, church members will begin making telephone calls. Because we can't guarantee that we will be able to reach you in a timely fashion, please take advantage of the opportunity to sign up online so that your family's photo will be included.

There is no sitting fee and each group (single, couple, or family) photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10-inch colored photograph and a free church directory. If you choose to order additional pictures for holiday gifts, those families photographed December 9-12 will receive their picture order by December 24.

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## **Calendar for the week of November 15 – November 22 (and beyond)**

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### **TODAY – November 15**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Marilyn Olseen in memory of Bill Olseen.

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

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

Sign up today in the atrium to have your picture taken for the new **picture directory**. See page 4 of today's bulletin for more information.

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**

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

**Deadline for ordering the study book (\$13) and devotional (\$7) for the Advent study** that begins Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge.

Items for the **December newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc\_carol@hotmail.com.

### **TUESDAY – November 17**

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

### **WEDNESDAY – November 18**

**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.

**Presbytery listening session** on the use of separation funds will be held in the south fireside room from 4:30-6 p.m. See "For Your Information" for more information about the meeting.

**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>"Drifting Spiritually"</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

### **THURSDAY – November 19**

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

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

### **SATURDAY – November 21**

**Help us decorate** the halls of First Presbyterian for Advent beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be jobs for all ages and interests. Donut holes, coffee and juice will be available.

**Ruth Circle** meets at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

### **SUNDAY – November 22 (Christ the King Sunday)**

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

### **WEDNESDAY – November 25**

NO choir, supper, youth group, bells, or Bible study this week. Activities resume December 2.

### **THURSDAY – November 26**

The church will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

### **FRIDAY – November 27**

The church will be closed.

### **For Your Information**

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area is seeking input on a plan regarding how to use the funds received from congregations who are leaving the PCUSA. There will be a listening session held here at First Presbyterian on Wednesday, November 18 from 4:30-6:00 in the south fireside room. Copies of the report can be found online at the Presbytery website under "Presbytery meeting resources" with the title "**Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Strategic Use of Presbytery Resources**" or there are some copies available in the church office.

Advent is just around the corner! You can pick up a copy of the PCUSA **advent devotional calendar** at the welcome desk or in the church office.

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 very few 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.

### **Among the Church Family**

*Happy Birthday* to James Watson, who will celebrate his 93rd birthday November 19.

*Happy Birthday* to Lucille Bill, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday November 20.

We extend our condolences to Don and Cheri Hann on the death of Cheri's father, Kenneth Rahberg, November 5.

## **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 pledge card by mail or in the offering plate any Sunday before the end of November. There are extra pledge cards in the pew racks. Thank you!

### **\*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.

### **\*SAFETY ADVISORY\***

In the coming winter season when conditions can create slippery walkways, we ask all members to be responsible and wear appropriate footwear made for snow and ice and choose the safest path from your car into the building. The staff aims to keep the church walks as clear of snow/ice as possible, but each of us must also do our part for safety by exercising caution and discretion. Here's to a safe winter season!

### **About Our Church**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor  
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist

Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Diane M. Johnston-Arthur, Custodian

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