

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**November 22, 2015**  
**Christ the King 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**

How Can I Keep from Singing?  
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Arnold Sherman

*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 Mission**

Sylvia Swede

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

(8:30) Judy Smithson  
(11:00) Jean Marvin

*God loves us and freed us from sin*

***God made us to live in God's kingdom! Hallelujah!***

*God is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last*

***Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty!***

*We are part of the reign of God!*

***We are the body of Christ! Hallelujah! Amen!***

*Let us worship God.*

◆ **Hymn 268** (stanzas 1,3,4) Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

With handbell introduction and interludes between the stanzas.

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

*Our God of mercy and grace withholds no good thing from us. Withholding nothing  
from our God, let us give ourselves to God in prayer.*

**Silent Confession**

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◆ Please stand if you are able.

## 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.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you alone “rule” with justice and care. We confess that we do not submit ourselves to you, that we do not always uphold up your vision of equity and integrity, that we have not followed the example you set forth in Christ. Instead we often place our trust in leaders who let us down and in our own flawed leadership of others. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to recognize your autonomy, that we may be faithful to your kingdom. Amen.

## Words of Life

*God yearns to set us free from sin that we might be more fully alive. And so hear again the grace of the Gospel: our sins are forgiven.*

**Thank you God! Amen.**

## Gloria Patri

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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

During the cold and flu season, please pass the peace with a wave of the hand or other gesture that seems right to you.

*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

NETTLETON

**Reading from the New Testament**

Revelation 1:4b-8

**Anthem (8:30)**

My Eternal King  
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

I love thee, Lord, but not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet for fear that loving not I might forever die; but for thou didst all the world upon the cross embrace; for us didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace, and griefs and torments numberless, and sweat and agony; e'en death itself; and all for one who was thine enemy.

Then why, most loving Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well, not for the sake of winning heav'n, nor any fear of hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing, solely because thou art my God and my eternal King, my eternal King!

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(11:00) The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns Paul Lindsley Thomas  
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

The Head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords belongs to him by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal light;

The Joy of all who dwell above, the Joy of all below  
To whom He manifests His love and grants His name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is given;  
Their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, they reign with Him above,  
Their profit and their joy to know the mystery of His love.

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### 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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**Sacrament of Baptism** (11:00 a.m.) (see page 5)      Cecelia Kathryn Lenn  
Daughter of Casey and Kathryn Lenn  
Granddaughter of Paul and Shelley Steger

*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**      John 18:33-37  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Message**      *A Pledge of Allegiance*      Rev. Jay Rowland  
**\*\* A Moment for Reflection \*\***

### ***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 264**      At the Name of Jesus      KING'S WESTON

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**      John R. Killinger, adapted

**We believe that Jesus came to save us from our sin and to restore us to God.**

**We believe that Jesus was treated harshly by those in authority, put to death on  
a cross, and buried in a borrowed tomb. We believe that God raised Jesus from  
the dead, and that Jesus was the first fruits of those who have died. We believe  
that Jesus is present in our midst today, comforting our sorrow, showing us the  
way to tomorrow, and leading us into the kingdom of God. We believe the day  
will come when the Lord will return as the Restorer of all that was separated  
from God, and on that day we shall sing and live our love and praises to God  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

**Offertory**  
At the Offertory      The King of Love My Shepherd Is      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**

**May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



**Postlude**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

David Lasky

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.

**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!

**About Our Church**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor  
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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.*

# ***Sacrament of Baptism***

(11:00 a.m.)

## **Introduction**

## **Presentation**

## **Professions of Intent and Faith**

## **Blessing of the Water**

## **Baptism**

## **Welcome**

*Elder: Cecelia Kathryn Lenn is now received into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. People of this congregation, I charge you to nurture and support Cecelia, that she and all baptized children may become faithful disciples.*

**Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Cecelia Kathryn Lenn and all children into Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage, support and share the gospel with all children that they may know and follow Christ.**

*Elder: The peace of God be with you*

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## **Response 188**

Jesus Loves Me (stanza 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the family of Cecelia Kathryn Lenn. The rose symbolizes our joy in the life of each child and the candle symbolizes our commitment as a congregation to support the parents in raising their children in the Christian faith. The baptismal banner celebrates the sacrament of baptism. The shell with drops of water is a symbol of Jesus' baptism. The water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation, the grace of God's covenant with our ancestors and the living water offered by Jesus.*

### **\*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!

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## **Calendar for the week of November 22 – November 29 (and beyond)**

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### **TODAY – November 22**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by James and Sandra Walker in memory of Carole Lloyd.

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.

### **WEDNESDAY – November 25**

NO choir, supper, youth group, bells, Bible study, or Madrigal rehearsal 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.

### **SUNDAY – November 29 (Advent One)**

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

### **TUESDAY – December 1**

**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 – December 2**

**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—"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" led by Rev. Parlette.
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

### **SATURDAY – December 5**

**Orchestra** for Lessons and Carols will rehearse at 1 p.m.

### **SUNDAY – December 6 (Advent Two)**

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

### **SUNDAY – December 13 (Advent Three)**

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

The annual service of **Lessons and Carols** will be led by the Chancel, Calvin, and Youth Choirs with handbells, orchestra and organ at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship hours. The service, including the reading of nine lessons, carols and anthems, is based on the traditional English service of the same name.

### **For Your Information**

*Due to health concerns in this cold and flu season, please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.*

As we look forward to the Christmas season, we think of the many traditions that we have both at home and church. With many old and new traditions either continuing or being created, the Christian Education Committee is planning to hold **Advent Creations** in the Sunday School classes this year. *Classes will be given materials so all students will have an Advent craft to work on.*

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.

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the **poinsettia fund**. The plants will decorate the sanctuary November 29 and December 6 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.

**Spread Christmas joy by ringing a bell for the Salvation Army.** The Social Concerns Committee encourages FPC members to support the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle campaign by spending an hour or two ringing bells at one of their collection sites. Every hour is important because a one-hour shift, on average, will raise \$50 compared to zero for an unstaffed kettle. To volunteer, phone 288-3663, ex. 101 or register online at [www.RochesterSA.org](http://www.RochesterSA.org) or [www.RegistertoRing.com](http://www.RegistertoRing.com). A community menu will appear. Choose Bell-Ringing and follow the prompts. If you would like additional information or need assistance signing up, call **Al Dollerschell** (282-5025).

The Sharing Tree is again in the atrium and decorated with paper ornaments, each representing a charitable program in Rochester. Select a gift tag from the tree and follow the instructions on the back of the tag. Attach the tag to your gift and return it to the church by December 13.. Gifts will be designated for Dorothy Day House (gifts for homeless adults), Interfaith Hospitality Network (gifts for homeless families), or the Alternative Learning Center Daycare (gifts for infants). Your participation in our annual Sharing Tree is looked forward to by many in our community. Thank you! (Social Concerns Committee)

If you ordered books for the Advent Bible study you can pick them up in the church office.

### **Among the Church Family**

Congratulations to Richard and Janice Bennett who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary December 1.