

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day

8:30 and 11 a.m.

January 3, 2016

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Christmas Pastorale

Arcangelo Corelli

Recorder Ensemble; Dwight Jennings, coordinator

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 for Interfaith Hospitality Network

Karen Sessler

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Van Jacobsen
(11:00) James Sessler

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

◆ **Hymn 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

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Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

In the light of Christ, we see shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 430 (stanza 1)

Remember Not, O God (Psalm 79)

SOUTHWELL

Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;
In tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

Message

What are you seeking?

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 151** We Three Kings of Orient Are KINGS OF ORIENT
- ◆ **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.**

Offertory

At the Offertory

(8:30)

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. Sanborn

(11:00)

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Paul Walker, bass

John Jacob Niles

- ◆ **Offertory Response 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
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.
- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
**Glorious God, we offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for
the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life.
Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and
abundant life we are called to share in Christ. 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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*...Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, 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 552

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Calendar for the week of January 3 – January 10 (and beyond)

TODAY – January 3

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Donald and Alice McIlrath in memory of deceased loved 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 grade 6 – adult education
- 10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1
- 10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grades 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 ... *Headlines and More*
- 9:40 a.m.: *Grace-based Parenting Class* in room A-101 will continue with *Building Character*. All current and future parents and grandparents are welcome.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

The parish nursing blood pressure program is rescheduled to January 10.

TUESDAY – January 5

Board of Deacons will NOT meet January 5, but will meet January 19 instead.

Most committees meet. Check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours.

WEDNESDAY – January 6

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

| Wednesday Activities | |
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| 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—"A study of 1 John" led by Mark Mueller |
| 7:15 | Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12) |

THURSDAY – January 7

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – January 9

Help "**undecorate**" the church at 9:30 a.m. There will be jobs for everyone and snacks to keep you going.

SUNDAY – January 10

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

New officer/Session training and examination at 9:40 a.m. in the great room.

Current elders will meet with the new elders and deacons at 10:30 a.m.

Ordination and installation of deacons and elders at the 11 a.m. service.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services January 10 and available to take your blood pressure.

MONDAY – January 18

ALL **Annual Reports** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.
lunch.

For Your Information

The second (and last) photo session for our **church picture directory** will take place this Tuesday through Saturday in the Great Room on the lower level. There are still a few appointments available for the January 12-16 photo sessions. Contact Jane Hallman (507-993-6652) or the church office to make an appointment.

"Stewardship 2016: Together we can ... make a difference, grow the church, enrich the community, change the world." To date we have accounted for \$673,652 in pledged income and \$83,800 in unpledged income. We project we will need about \$800,000 income to cover committee requests for next year, so there's still a gap of about \$42,548 to fill. If you haven't returned your pledge card yet, please do it soon. If you can't remember if you did, check with the church office. Thanks to those who have already responded!

Offering envelopes for 2016 are in the social hall. If there isn't a box with your name and you want to use envelopes, check in the church office. We also have boxes of envelopes available for children and youth.

Pledge Statements. We will mail final statements for 2015 about January 8. To be considered a charitable donation in 2015 we needed to receive your donation by December 31.

Each year our church activities are summarized in the "Annual Reports to the Congregation." If you are responsible for writing a report, we need it in the church office by January 18. The best reports are those sent to Carol via e-mail or a Word attachment to an e-mail (evans.carol@FPCRochester.org).

Special Offerings in December. We are currently receiving special offerings for the Christmas Joy Offering and the Deacons Fund. You may contribute to either fund during January by noting the designation on your contribution.

January is FPC's month to provide paper products and other needed items for **Hope Lodge**. A list of requested items and a box for your donations is in the foyer.

Among Our Church Family

Congratulations to David and Char Ellefson who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary January 11.