

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
January 10, 2016
Baptism of the Lord

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

By the Waters of Babylon

J. S. Bach

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) Diane Grill
(11:00) Ruth Saling

God, who created you, says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your savior.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

Let all the nations gather together and let all the people assemble. May the Lord bless the people with peace."

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. Amen.

Words of Life

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world. Amen.

- ◆ **Response 447** We Are Forgiven WE ARE FORGIVEN
 We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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Service of Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11:00) (see page 4)

- ◆ **Passing of the Peace**
 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.
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 Prophets Isaiah 43:1-7

Anthem (8:30) Baptized and Set Free Cathy Skogen Soldner, arr. John Helgen
Chancel Choir

We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more, Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more. We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed; endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need. We are nourished by water, all living things and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on we will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free! One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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(11:00) Lord, Here Am I Jay Althouse
Melbourne Grovesnor, bass

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me and I'll find the way. Teach me the mission appointed for me. What is my labor and where shall it be?

Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Lord, I will follow, if Thou will but lead. Only support me with grace in my need. Pardon whenever I turn from the right. Help me and bring me again to the light. (Words of Fanny Crosby based on Isaiah 6:8)

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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 Gospel

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Message

The River's Edge

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 482**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

◆ **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

Baptized in Water

Dale Wood

◆ **Offertory 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.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son and
through Him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May
these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful
daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy
Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response 547** (st. 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

Postlude

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Richard Proulx

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.

Today we are ordaining and installing new elders and deacons who were elected in November and who will begin their office after their ordination and installation.

Deacon / Class of 2017

Jamie Carroll
Beverly Tuohy

Deacon / Class of 2018

Debra Bauch
Brett Carroll
June Lee
David Lewis
Rosella Lund
Beverly Olander
Lucy Schmidt

Elder / Class of 2016

Dan Wentz

Elder / Class of 2018

Kenneth Boyer
Fabian Luna
Mark Mueller
Sharon Nichols
Karen Sessler
Jay Youmans

Service of Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11:00)

Litany

*There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.*

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

*Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.*

Introduction

Presentation of New Officers

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands

Response Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (stanza 2)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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
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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 January 10 – January 17 (and beyond)

TODAY – January 10

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Terry and Brad Narr in memory of Terry's 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.

New officer training and examination for new deacons and elders at 9:40 a.m. in **Room E-109**. Note the change in location.

Current elders will meet with the new elders and deacons at 10:40 a.m.

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 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 ... *Headlines and More*
- 9:40 a.m.: *Grace-based Parenting Class* in room A-101 will continue with *Building Character*. Today's study focuses on Endurance and Courage. All current and future parents and grandparents are welcome.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 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 today and available to take your blood pressure.

TUESDAY – January 12

Festival of Music committee will meet at 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 12 – SATURDAY, January 16

This week is your final opportunity to have your picture taken for our upcoming **church picture directory**. There are still a few photo sessions available. Go online (www.fpcrochester.org – new picture directory planned – read more) or contact Jane Hallman (507/993-6652) to make an appointment. If you plan to submit your own family photo, they are due Monday, January 18.

WEDNESDAY – January 13

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>Uncertainty and the Bible</i> ” led by Al Depman
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – January 14

Prayer Shawl group meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – January 15

Items for the **February newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY – January 16

Ruth Circle will meet at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

SUNDAY – January 17

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

MONDAY – January 18

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

For Your Information

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 items and a box for your donations is in the foyer.

Among Our Church Family

We extend our congratulations to William and Heidi Oehler on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Elizabeth Stever, born December 30 to Becky and Paul Stever.

We extend our condolences to William and Hope Meschke on the death of Bill's mother, Marjorie Meschke, January 2.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Lee Christensen, who died this week. A short memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, January 15, at 1 p.m.

WEATHER and SAFETY ADVISORIES

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.

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!