

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
January 17, 2016
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

O God, in a Mysterious Way (DUNDEE)
(For meditation, see hymn 30)

C. Hubert H. Parry

*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) Jay Youmans
(11:00) Robert Kyle

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

Let us worship and sing praises to our Lord.

◆ **Hymn 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

In the light of Christ we see the darkness present in our world and in our own hearts.

Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 430 (stanza 1)

Remember Not, O God (Psalm 79)
Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;
In tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

SOUTHWELL

Unison Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we confess we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We place more trust in our possessions than in your grace. We voraciously consume the gifts you share while failing to be better stewards of the earth's resources. We prefer the security gained through the sword rather than your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Life

Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world. And frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

◆ 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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◆ 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 Epistles

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Anthem (8:30)

We All Are One in Mission

Dale Wood

Chancel Choir

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call. Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

We all behold one vision, a stark reality: the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree. Yet resurrected justice gives rise that we may share free reconciliation and hope amid despair. Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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(11:00)

Simple Gifts

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Casey Clements, tenor

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

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 Prophets

Isaiah 62:1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Message

Breaking the Silence

Rev. Jay Rowland

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 3

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory

At the Offertory

(8:30)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

My Heart Shall Rejoice

Sherri Porterfield

Casey Clements, tenor

My heart shall rejoice, and my soul shall sing in exaltation, shouting "Alleluia!" From the birth of each new day, 'til the stars kiss the sky, I shall dance in jubilation! My heart shall rejoice, singing, shouting, dancing. My song shall be my journey. Like an eagle, my voice shall soar. My wings embrace creation. Tasting life, I revel in its glory. In my journey, I'll run, not walk, reaching far beyond my limitations. I shall strive to make a difference so my life may be my legacy to you. Winter's cold must always come, so that spring may renew the earth. In the sunset my soul shall find its peaceful rest. And in eternity, my heart's song shall be heard.

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◆ **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**

Loving God, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may nurture faith, reveal your love and manifest your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

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| ◆ Hymn 302 | When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace | O WALY WALY |
| ◆ Benediction | | |
| ◆ Benediction Response 547 (st. 1) | Go, My Children, with My Blessing | AR HYD Y NOS |
| Postlude | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (ST.DENIO) | Wilbur Held |

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.

About Our Church

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| Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor | Kathleen Kruger, Music Assistant |
| Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor | Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator |
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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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is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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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 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!

Calendar for the week of January 17 – January 24 (and beyond)

TODAY – January 17

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Heide and Helmut Buettner in memory of their 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.

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 Parenting Challenges. All current and future parents and grandparents are welcome.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, January 17-SUNDAY, January 24

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Promise for this week.

MONDAY – January 18

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

Esther Circle will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Church Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY, January 19

Session and Board of Deacons will meet for a Souper Start at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall. Following the meal Session and Board of Deacons will meet for their monthly meeting.

WEDNESDAY – January 20

Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Crafters Group will meet at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Bring that almost finished project or help us make cards for C.A.R.E. members of FPC.

| 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— <i>“Jesus Wept”</i> |
| 7:15 | Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12) |

THURSDAY – January 21

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – January 23

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet at 9 a.m. at Valley Community Church in Golden Valley.

SUNDAY – January 24

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

SUNDAY – January 31

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held at 9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary. Business to be conducted includes approving changes in the pastors' terms of call. We will present the general budget for 2016 and review reports of committees for 2015.

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.

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.

The **Implementation Committee** invites you to come down to the multipurpose room and see the new floor! There are lots of other changes in this big room. If you have any comments or questions, please contact a member of the Implementation Committee. (Jeremy Braun, Sally Brooks, Joe Doppler, David Kerr, Ron Kreinbring, Bev Lewis, Jim Walts)

Among Our Church Family

Congratulations to Gordon and Sondra Danielson who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary January 21.

Congratulations to Pat Gastineau who will celebrate her 91st birthday January 23.

“God-Views” with Curt Cloninger

Saturday, February 6 at 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

Please take some invitation tickets for Curt Cloninger's performance of “God Views” and give them to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Invitations are at the Welcome Desk and in the church office.

There is no charge for the event.