

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**January 24, 2016**  
**Third 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**

Live Into Hope (TRURO)

J. Wayne Kerr

*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) Mark Mueller  
(11:00) Neil Shepard

*What a beautiful thing to be called to worship!*

**What a gift to come together in praise!**

*We are different people with different lives and different stories.*

**But, in Christ, we are one.**

*So, as one, we come and worship our God.*

**As one, we set aside our differences,**

**and focus on our shared identity in Christ.**

*Let us come together in worship.*

**Let us come together in praise.**

*Let us come together because we are one in Him. Let us worship the Lord.*

### ◆ **Hymn 54**

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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

*Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.*

### **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**

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

**Words of Life**

*My friends, you have been restored in the grace of God. Do not mourn, therefore, but rejoice, for this is a new day for you and for me.*

♦ **Response 447** We Are Forgiven WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

♦ **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** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**Anthem** (8:30) One Bread, One Body John B. Foley, S.J.

Chancel Choir and congregation

Please join the choir in singing hymn 530 for this anthem.

(11:00) Let There Be Peace on Earth Mark Hayes

Robert Jacobson, baritone

**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 Epistles** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia hymn 591** (refrain) Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! HALLE, HALLE

**Message** A Part of the Whole Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

**Our Response**

♦ **Hymn 340** This Is My Song FINLANDIA

- ◆ **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)	Prayer	René Vierende
(11:00)	Just a Closer Walk with Thee Robert Jacobson, baritone (Text is printed at hymn 835.)	Traditional hymn

- ◆ **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**  
**God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may  
further your reign in this world. Amen.**

***Sending***

- ◆ **Hymn 774**                            There Is Now a New Creation                            STUTTGART
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Benediction Response 547** (st. 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing                            AR HYD Y NOS
- Postlude**                            Arise, Your Light Is Come (FESTAL SONG)                            Seth Bingham

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**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor	Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor	Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
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Child Care staff: Valerie Asleson, Kelly Bock, Margie Schaaf  
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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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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester  
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 24 – January 31 (and beyond)

### TODAY – January 24

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lyle and Zoe Abrahamson 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 will 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*. All current and future parents and grandparents are welcome.

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

Pick up your copy of the **Annual Reports for the Congregational Meeting**.

### MONDAY – January 25

**Endowment Committee** will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

### WEDNESDAY – January 27

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>"The Power of the Gospel"</i>
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

### THURSDAY – January 28

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

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

A **Festival of Music** will present the **Luther College Nordic Choir** at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. One of the top a cappella college choirs in the nation, the Nordic Choir is concluding a West Coast tour that included 13 concerts in 14 days. Dr. Allen Hightower directs the choir.

### TUESDAY – February 2

**Board of Deacons** meets at 7 p.m.

**Most committees** meet, although check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours. We know **Worship and Music** has rescheduled to February 9.

### WEDNESDAY – February 3

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

### SATURDAY – February 6

***"God-Views"***  
**with Curt Cloninger**  
**Saturday, February 6 at 7 p.m.**  
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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 and a ticket is not necessary for admission. Child care will be available.

### SUNDAY – February 7

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

A two-week **new member class** begins February 7. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about our church, is welcome. The class will meet in the conference room (A-209) at 9:45 a.m. If you decide to join, new members will meet with the Session February 14 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service that day.

#### A snowshoeing adventure at Quarry Hill!

Weather permitting meet at Quarry Hill Nature Center (701 Silver Creek Road NE ) Sunday, February 7 at 1 p.m. The park has over 300 acres to explore. You can bring your own snowshoes, or rent snowshoes at the Nature Center, or just wear snow boots. Snowshoe rental cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. Snowshoeing is as easy as strapping snowshoes on your boots, no training necessary. We will see how many different animal tracks we can find in the snow. If the activity needs to be canceled, a notice will be given on the church's answering machine. If you have any questions contact Mark Mueller at [markmueller@chartermi.net](mailto:markmueller@chartermi.net)

### **For Your Information**

**Special Offerings.** 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 check.

**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 are 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 and the many 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 Bruce and Melissa Walk on the birth of their grandson, Jacob Carrington Harris, both January 12 to Emily and Brett Harris in Austin.