

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
February 7, 2016
Transfiguration 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 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Kevin McChesney
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

*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 Psalm 99 (8:30) Gayle Jones
(11:00) Judy Felten

The Lord is king, let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;

For the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

◆ **Hymn 189** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair DEO GRACIAS

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

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 and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Dear Lord, help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all our thoughts, words and deeds, our lives might honor you. Amen.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Words of Life

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. I declare to you your sins are forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faces, and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God. Amen.

◆ **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 Epistles 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Anthem (8:30) True Light Keith Hampton
Chancel Choir; Casey Clements, soloist
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.
In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light. He lives in us as True Light. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.
Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light.
You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light.
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light! Hold on to the True Light I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light!
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(11:00) Arise and Shine John R. Paradowski
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist
Arise and shine! Your light has come to all who dwell in darkness.
Arise and shine, for in our midst the light of Christ is with us.
We who walked in dark of night, have seen a great light
A star is shown our Lord was born; the dawn on this new day.
Unto us a child was born, a Son was giv'n.
Baptized by John, now he reigns as mighty Prince of Peace.
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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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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 Luke 9:28-43
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Message *Morphin' Time* Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

- ◆ Hymn 511 Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven LLANFAIR
- ◆ Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

At the Offertory
(8:30)

O Thou the Central Orb
Chancel Choir

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world. Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy luster round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur'd grace, gives grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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(11:00)

Christ Is the World's Light

Robert Hobby

- ◆ 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

Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

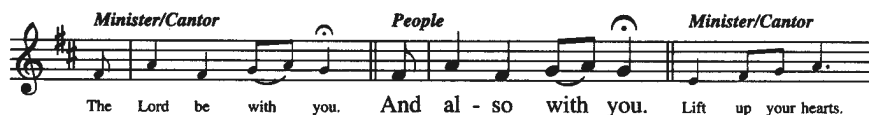
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

Minister/Cantor People Minister/Cantor



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

People Minister/Cantor



We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

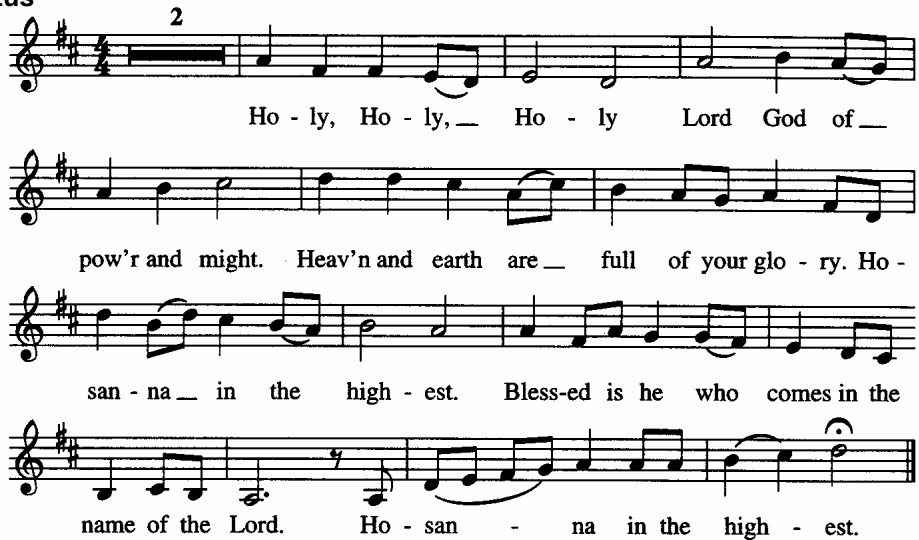
People



It is right to give our — thanks and praise.

... Therefore we join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, singing:

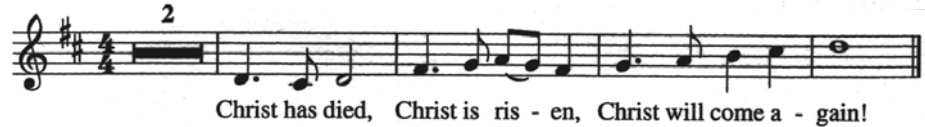
Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing hymn 507, "Come to the Table of Grace."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

- ◆ Hymn 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Benediction Response 547 (st. 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS
- ◆ Postlude We Are Marching in the Light of God Robert Buckley Farlee

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.

We invite you to share in our Lenten activities over the coming weeks.

Services of Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Special Services

February 10 Ash Wednesday communion and imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m.
March 20 Palm Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
March 24 Maundy Thursday service of worship at 7 p.m.
March 27 Easter Sunday services of worship at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

A Festival of Music ~ Wednesday Lenten Organ Recitals

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

February 17 Brian Williams, organist / Calvary Episcopal Church, Rochester
February 24 Harold Vetter, organist / Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Rochester
March 2 Shayla DeJong, organ student / Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
March 9 Julie Yoonjeong Kim, organist / Congregational Church, Rochester
March 16 Eileen Nelson Ness, organist / Salem Lutheran Church, Albert Lea

A Festival of Music

4 p.m.

March 13 Lee J. Afdahl and Friends in an Organ-Plus concert

Lenten Study Opportunities

Adult Education / Sundays at 9:40 a.m.: Kerygma Bible Study, Current Issues, and Grace-Based Parenting classes.

Bible Study / Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" led by Rev. T. J. Parlette. The study is based on a book of the same title by Adam Hamilton.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
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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 February 7 – February 14 (and beyond)

TODAY – February 7

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Larry and Gayle Sanderson in memory of Ben Sanderson on what would have been his 40th birthday.

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 ... *Ripped from the Headlines*
- 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.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library from 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:40-11 a.m. today to take your blood pressure.

The Christian Education Committee will host informal **Listening Sessions today and February 21** from 9:45 to 10 a.m. in the social hall to gather feedback on the current Sunday School/Education hour schedule for PreK through 5th grade and on the Wednesday evening youth activities schedule.

A two-week **new member class** begins today.

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 9:40 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, today at 1 p.m. The park has over 300 acres to explore. You can bring your own snowshoes, 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 questions contact Mark Mueller (markmueller@chartermi.net).

TUESDAY – February 9

Y'all come to the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the social hall. You don't need a reservation. Come and enjoy supper and fellowship!

Most committees are meeting, but check with your lead elder if you aren't sure.

Worship and Music Committee meets at 6 p.m.

Stewardship and Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

Deacons meet at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – February 10

Ash Wednesday worship with communion and imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m. Singing: Chancel Choir. Ringing: Jubilate Deo.

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)
6:30	Middle and High School youth will attend the Ash Wednesday service.
6:30	NO Adult Bible study tonight because of the Ash Wednesday service.
7:30	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – February 11

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.

SUNDAY – February 14

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The **new member class** concludes February 14. The class will meet in Rev. Parlette's office at 9:40 a.m. New members will meet with the Session at 10:40 a.m. and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service.

MONDAY – February 15

Items for the **March newsletter** 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 Presidents Day.

WEDNESDAY – February 17

A Festival of Music is hosting Lenten Noonday Recitals from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Today's guest organist will be Brian Williams, organist at Calvary Episcopal Church. To accommodate those attending the concert, please do *not* park in the parking lot between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent.

Lenten Bible Study Opportunity. Beginning Wednesday, February 17, Rev. Parlette will lead a special Lenten Bible study called "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." The study is based on a book of the same title by Adam Hamilton.

For Your Information

If you are due a complimentary photo from the picture directory photo session, we have them in the church office. Pick yours up today! Thanks!

Sign up now for the **Women's Retreat** March 11-13 at Eagle Bluff Environmental Center near Lanesboro. The cost is \$120; make your check payable to "PW" and put it in the PW box in the office.

World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical gathering of Christian women, will be held Saturday, March 5, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20th Street SW, beginning with coffee and fellowship at 10, followed by a worship service written by the women of Cuba.

The Presbyterians Today 2016 Lenten devotional booklet, "Be Holy," is available in the office and at the Welcome Desk. You are welcome to take one; there is no charge.

Among Our Church Family

Congratulations to Warren and LaDonna Fay who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary February 14.

