

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
February 14, 2016
First Sunday in Lent

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

What Wondrous Love Is This?

Samuel Barber

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 Blanket Sunday

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Katie Lenn
(11:00) Anna Larson

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin.

Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.

We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness. Let us confess our sin to God.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have__ mer - cy. Lord, have__ mer - cy on us.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

Scripture declares, "The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name." Friends, believe the good news; God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fath - er, Glo - ry be to the Son,
Glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Ghost, God, the three - in -
one! As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be. world with-out end,
world with - out end. A - - men.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

◆ 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



Pre - pare our hearts, O God, to ac-cept your Word.
Si - lence in us a - ny voice but your own, that,
hear - ing, we may al - so o - bey your will; through
Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - - men.

Reading from the Epistles

Romans 10:8b-13

Anthem (8:30) **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** Ken Berg
Chancel Choir; Robert Jacobson, baritone

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. Jesus walked this world of sorrow. It was his love that bid him go. He yielded his life to ransom sinners, no greater love could he bestow! We must walk, we all must walk this valley. Oh, Lord, we need not walk this path alone, not alone. Jesus will walk this road beside us; he'll walk you safely home.
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(11:00) **Jesus Loves Me** Swedish Folk tune
Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Judy Kereakos, accompanist

Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, He is always, always near.
If I always trust and love him, there is nothing I need fear.
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, He is always, always near.
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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 4:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Led by the Spirit

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 165** The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HERR

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that we are the light of the world. We believe we should let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to God in heaven. We believe that our love should be genuine. We believe that we should hate what is evil, and that we should hold fast to what is good. We believe that if we live by the Spirit, we should also be guided by the Spirit. We believe we should not become conceited, compete against one another, or envy one another. We believe that we are God's chosen ones. We believe that we should clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We believe that we are called to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Israel came out of the wilderness and into a land flowing with milk and honey. There they were finally able to offer to God baskets full, in joyful celebration.

We, too, bring the first fruits of all that God has so generously given us, with joy and thanksgiving.

Let the offering be received.

Offertory

At the Offertory
(8:30)

We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace
Chancel Choir

Undine Moore Smith

Lord, we shall walk, shall walk in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there. If Jesus himself shall lead us, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

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(11:00)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Harald Rohlig

- ◆ **Offertory Response 708** (stanza 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN
We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 315** In the Midst of New Dimensions NEW DIMENSIONS
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Benediction Response**



Postlude O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (DEO GRACIAS) John Dunstable

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.

Some of the service music was written by Lee J Afdahl.

We invite you to share in our Lenten activities.

Services of Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.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.

Calendar for the week of February 14 – February 21 (and beyond)

TODAY – February 14 (CWS Blanket Sunday)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Mary Beyerle in memory of her husband, John Beyerle.

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.

The **new member class** concludes today. 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.

Blanket Sunday, sponsored by Church World Service, provides blankets and relief efforts to victims of war and natural disasters. Offering envelopes are in the pews or checks marked "blanket fund" can be mailed to the church any time this month.

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 February 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

TUESDAY – February 16

Session will meet at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – February 17

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

A Festival of Music is hosting **Lenten Noonday Recitals** from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Today's guest musicians will be Brian Williams, organist at Calvary Episcopal Church, and Michael Cizek, bass trombonist. 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.

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.

Lenten Bible Study Opportunity. Beginning 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.

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	Lenten Bible study—"The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" led by Rev. Parlette.
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – February 18

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – February 20

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

SUNDAY – February 21

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

During both services we will honor our people who have been members of FPC for more than 50 years as we celebrate the 155th anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church. After worship you are invited to the social hall for refreshments and conversation.

The Christian Education Committee will host an informal **Listening Session** 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.

WEDNESDAY – February 24

This week's **Lenten Noonday Organ Recital** will feature Harold Vetter, organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester.

SUNDAY – February 28

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Following the second service we will **celebrate Rev. Jay Rowland's 15 years of ministry** at First Presbyterian with a potluck luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish and some cookies to share. Dan Wentz is organizing a program of celebration so contact him (Wentz.Daniel@mayo.edu or 507-635-5823) if you would like to add your comment to the celebration.

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!

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 a.m., 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.



Temptation of Christ by Rembrandt

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
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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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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!