

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**February 21, 2016**  
**Second 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**

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger  
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

Tammy Waldrop

*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 Syria/Iraq/Lebanon

Sylvia Swede

## Opening Prayer

## Call to Worship

(8:30) Jay Youmans  
(11:00) Jean Marvin

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

*I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

## ◆ Hymn (see page 4)

God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises

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## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.*

## Silent Confession

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have\_\_ mer - cy. Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy on us.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

### Words of Life

*God, our light and salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.*

**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.

### ◆ 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**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

**Anthem** (8:30) **The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)** Jean Berger  
Chancel Choir

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?  
The Lord is the refuge of my life; of whom then should I go in dread?  
When evildoers close in on me, it is my enemies who stumble and fall.  
If an army should encamp against me, my heart would feel no fear.  
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(11:00) **Behold the Lamb of God (John 1:29)** Paul Bouman  
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. In perfect love He dies; for me He dies.  
O all atoning sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.  
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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 Old Testament**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

*Counting the Stars*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 51** To Abraham and Sarah LLANFYLLIN

◆ **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.**

**Recognition of 50+-year members (see page 5)**

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

**Offertory**

At the Offertory **If You But Trust in God to Guide You** J. S. Bach  
Cynthia McLaren, guest organist

◆ **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**

**Almighty God, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the  
work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

## Sending

◆ Hymn 168

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

ABBEY

◆ Benediction

◆ Benediction Response



Postlude

Out of the Depths

Max Drischner

Cynthia McLaren, guest organist

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.

# God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises

*Commissioned for the 50th Anniversary of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, Iowa  
May 18, 2008*

1 God, we sing your glo - rious prais - es as we tell your awe - some deeds:  
 2 We re - mem - ber, God, your coven - ant which ext - ends from heav'n to earth;  
 3 Fueled by pow - er from your Spir - it we com - mit our - selves a - new  
 4 Lord, we of - fer you our wor - ship as we cel - e - brate your grace

you have fash - ioned all cre - a - tion and you meet each crea - ture's needs.  
 how Christ's death and res - ur - rec - tion con - quers sin, re - news our birth.  
 to be faith - ful to your gos - pel in the dail - y work we do.  
 which you show - er on your peo - ple gather - ed here and eve - ry - place.

We re - jice in how your peo - ple fast - ed your great faith - ful - ness;  
 Thank you for this gos - pel mess - age which in - spires your church to preach  
 We will shout your glo - rious prais - es, tell - ing all who have not heard:  
 Blessed by wa - ter, Word, and ta - ble, we, your church, now pledge to share

graced through eve - ry gen - er - a - tion, we your might - y acts pro - fess.  
 grace to eve - ry gen - er - a - tion in our deeds and in our speech.  
 grace for eve - ry gen - er - a - tion is em - bodi - ed in your Word.  
 grace through eve - ry gen - er - a - tion in our wit - ness, work, and prayer.

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**On February 14 we welcomed these new members to FPC:**  
 Nadine Luna (8843 Town Hall Road NW / Byron 55920 – 507-250-4350)  
 Andrew Thoreson (5694 Colonial Lane SE / Rochester 55904 – 507-993-0427)  
 Dennis Tucker (PO Box 333 / Mantorville 55955)



**We invite you to share in our Lenten activities.**

**Services of Worship**

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

- February 28      Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- March 6          Worship and communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- March 13        Worship 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 25        Ecumenical Good Friday service at noon at First Presbyterian Church
- March 27        Easter Sunday services of worship at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

*Child care is provided at all services.*

**A Festival of Music ~ Wednesday Lenten Organ Recitals**

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

- 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.

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.

## **Calendar for the week of February 21 – February 28 (and beyond)**

### **TODAY – February 21 (Anniversary Sunday)**

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today, with special thanks to guest organist Cynthia McLaren.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by William and Sharon Nichols 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.: *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.
- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study* in south fireside room ... *Matthew*

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

**Sitter Service News.** Sunday, February 21 at 12:15 p.m. (after the late worship service), we will have an informational meeting in the social hall for all those interested in volunteering for Sitter Service in March or later months. Paul and Barb Anderson from Hosanna Lutheran Church will be with us to answer questions and share their experience from the last nine years of offering this ministry at Hosanna. If you can't make the meeting but would like to volunteer to help with the Sitter Service, please contact Gayle Jones (993-2443 or mngjones@charter.net). We also are requesting donations of toys, games, puzzles, etc, and we could use a medium-large TV for movies. Bring donations to the church office.

### **WEDNESDAY – February 24**

A Festival of Music is hosting **Lenten Noonday Organ Recitals** from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Today's guest organist is Harold Vetter, organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester. 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.** Rev. Parlette is leading a Lenten Bible study on "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" from 6:30-8 p.m. in the lounge. 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 25**

**Jubilate Deo Bells** rehearses at 6:15 p.m.  
**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **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 Dan (Wentz.Daniel@mayo.edu or 507-635-5823) if you would like to add your comment to the celebration.

### **WEDNESDAY – March 2**

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

The March 2 **Lenten Noonday Organ Recital** will feature Shayla DeJong, an organ student at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

### **SUNDAY – March 6**

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

#### **For Your Information**

February 14 we celebrated **Blankets+ Sunday**. Sponsored by Church World Service, Blankets+ 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 office any time in February.

If you are due a **complimentary photo** from the picture directory photo session, we have them in the church office. Get yours today! If you ordered additional photos, the complimentary photo should be in the same envelope and mailed to your home.

**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 Bdecan Mission Team is looking for more volunteers for this summer's mission trip to Spirit Lake Reservation in Tokio, North Dakota, leaving July 26 and returning July 31. We will be teaching three days of VBS to the children. To volunteer, contact **Marylynn Aalderks** (641-420-2693).

#### **Among the Church Family**

Happy Birthday to Isabel Huizenga who will celebrate her 96th birthday February 28.

We extend our condolences to Casey and Lucinda Clements on the death of Casey's grandfather last week in Kentucky.

<b>Members of Session for 2016</b>		
<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Ken Aalderks	Chris Bauch	Kenneth Boyer
Jay Beck	Casey Clements	Fabian Luna
Eileen Hay	Jacqueline Moen	Mark Mueller
Gayle Jones	Jane Murl	Sharon Nichols
Daniel Wentz	Gabriel Perkins	Karen Sessler
Vacancy	Paul Steger	Jay Youmans

<b>Members of Board of Deacons for 2016</b>		
<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Marylynn Aalderks	Jamie Carroll	Debra Bauch
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Judy Felten	Leslie Litwiller	June Lee
Jane Hallman	Robert Litwiller	David Lewis
Heather Harrer	Yvonne Nkwelle Mesumbe	Rosella Lund
Neil Shepard	Bev Salomonsen	Beverly Olander
Vacancy	Beverly Tuohy	Lucy Schmidt

**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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 is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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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!