

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
March 6, 2016
Fourth 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

He Leadeth Me

Jon Spong

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 92

(8:30) Lucinda Cutrer
(11:00) Anna Larson

Let all the faithful offer prayers to God! In times of distress, trouble shall not overtake us.

You are a hiding place for us, O God, you preserve us and show us your way.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

And shout for joy, all you upright in heart, for steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God.

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

◆ Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, 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.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the prodigal son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

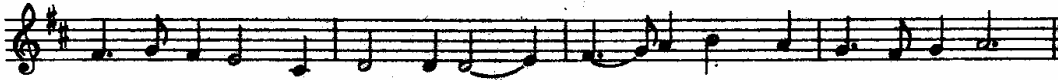
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem (8:30)

Psalm 32
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Paul D. Weber

Antiphon: Choir and Congregation



You are my hid - ing place, O Lord, - you - will save me in my dis-tress;

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
Happy are those whose sin is forgiv'n, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy are those!
When I confessed my sin to you, you forgave all my sin.

ANTIPHON: Choir and Congregation

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
I am surrounded by your steadfast love. Happy are those who trust in your strength!
You that are righteous, be glad, rejoice! You that obey him, shout for joy.

ANTIPHON: Choir and Congregation

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
Glory and praise and honor to you: Father, Son and Spirit, One.
As it was, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON: Choir and Congregation

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
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(11:00) Do You Know the Shepherd's Voice? Suzanne Lord
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

Do you know your Shepherd's voice? Are you list'ning with your heart?
Have you stopped to hear him calling, felt the peace his words impart?
As the world shouts its orders that are easiest to hear,
Won't you draw away and listen to your Shepherd standing near?
Are you list'ning?
The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside quiet waters and he restores my soul!

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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 15:1-3, 11b-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Second Chances

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 769**

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

The 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.

Invitation to the Offering

As people of the New Creation, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory

(8:30)

Little Lamb
Chancel Choir

Carl Wiltse

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee, gave thee life, and bade thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly, bright.

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little lamb, I'll tell thee; little lamb, I'll tell thee. He is called by thy name, for He calls Himself a lamb. He is meek and He is mild, He became the little child. I a child and thou a lamb, we are called by His name.

Little lamb, God bless thee! Little lamb, God bless thee!

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(11:00)

Amazing Grace

Robert Hobby

◆ **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**

O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader All
 The Lord be with you And al - so - with you.
 Leader All Leader 3
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give
 All
 thanks to the Lord our God. It is
 right to give our thanks and praise!

... Therefore with apostles and prophets and that great cloud of witnesses who live far beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

Sanctus

2
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
 might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

2
 Christ has died and Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain!

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

Words of Institution

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 498, "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken." (BEACH SPRING)

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ Hymn 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

◆ Benediction

◆ Benediction Response



Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

David Cherwien

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 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.

- March 9 Julie Yoonjeong Kim, organist / Congregational Church UCC, 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 and Piano 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. There are also family devotional materials and the Lenten Sharing Calendar.

Calendar for the week of March 6 – March 13 (and beyond)

TODAY – March 6

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Cliff and Pat Gastineau in celebration of their 65 years together.

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.

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

TUESDAY – March 8

Festival of Music Committee will meet at 7:15 p.m.

Several committee cancelled meetings last Tuesday so members could attend a caucus. We know Building and Grounds, Mission, and Social Concerns are planning to meet March 8. Personnel and Administration and Worship and Music cancelled until April. If we missed anyone, check with your lead elder!

WEDNESDAY – March 9

Today's **Lenten Noonday Organ Recital** will feature Julie Yoonjeong Kim, organist at Congregational Church UCC. 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 – March 10

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.

Ever wonder: "**How can I help change the world?**" "In the City for Good" invites you to a discussion with County Commissioner Sheila Kiscaden on "Citizens' Advocacy: making a difference" from 7-9 p.m. at the Congregational Church UCC (974 Skyline Drive SW). For more information check the Facebook event page or e-mail inthecityforgood@gmail.com.

FRIDAY – March 11

Sitter Service. Parents with children 4th grade and younger can sign up their children for our first Sitter Service on March 11 at the church. Children will be cared for by Empty Nester Volunteers from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. (or a portion of these hours). Parents can sign up in the atrium after worship on Sunday, March 6 or by filling out a registration form in the church office until March 8. We look forward to giving our young parents a night off!!

SATURDAY – March 12

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet at 9 a.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church in Minneapolis. Let the church office know if you'd like to attend.

Daylight savings begins! Set your clocks ahead one hour tonight.

SUNDAY – March 13

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A Festival of Music will present **Lee J. Afdahl and Friends** in an Organ and Piano Plus Concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Joining Lee will be Michael Bostwick, Christopher Boswell, Paul Kosower, and Janine Yanisch.

TUESDAY – March 15

Items for the **April newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY – March 16

Eileen Nelson Ness, organist at Salem Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, will be the guest organist for the **Lenten Organ Recital** March 16.

Join the Christian Education Committee at 5:30 p.m. for its **annual Irish meal** in honor of St. Patrick's Day! Back by popular request, we will serve a Kiss and a Coddle. Coddle, a true Irish comfort food, is a combination of potatoes cooked with bacon and bangers. Remember to wear some green!

THURSDAY – March 17

You are invited to **help Walaska (Val) Battenburg celebrate her 100th birthday** March 17 from 2-4 p.m. at Madonna Towers (4001 19th Avenue NW). If you can't come then, send Val a card or visit her at another time!

SUNDAY – March 20 (Palm Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

THURSDAY – March 24 (Maundy Thursday)

Maundy Thursday service of worship and communion at 7 p.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

Your gifts support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People. You may contribute to the Offering anytime through April.

FRIDAY – March 25 (Good Friday)

Ecumenical **Good Friday service** from noon – 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY – March 26

Easter Egg Event: Join us from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for FPC's annual Easter Egg Event! Please make sure kids bring their own baskets to fill with candy and prizes and bring their own hard boiled eggs to dye! *We could use a couple more volunteers to make the event a success! Contact Rick Morris to volunteer (Morris.Rick@FPCRochester.org).*

SUNDAY – March 27 (Easter)

Worship at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Easter Brunch Returns! Join us at 8:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday for the annual Easter Brunch! No reservations are necessary. A freewill offering will be taken for Feed My Starving Children with which the youth group will volunteer in June. *If you have any questions please contact Kristen and Gabe Perkins at perkins.kristen@mayo.edu.*

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

For Your Information

March is **Minnesota FoodShare** month. This annual drive raises one-half the food that is distributed through Channel One during the year. Your nonperishable food donations can go in the barrel in the foyer or write a check to the church and designate it for "Channel One." Envelopes are in the pew racks.

Celebrate our **Easter Garden** with a donation of \$15. To contribute, put your check (note for Easter flowers) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. After Easter services the Deacons will deliver the plants to our C.A.R.E. members.

Attention! Presbyterian Women is having its annual **rummage sale** April 16. You can start bringing your donations April 5. We'll need lots of volunteer help to sort, sell, and cleanup.

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 Alderks** (641-420-2693).

Toys Needed for Sitter Service: Do you have puzzles (especially those for younger children), a checker board game, Legos, Disney movies, felt tip markers or crayons, coloring books, small cars/trucks and track, etc. We can use all donations in good condition for our Sitter Service. Please bring them to the church office. Thanks.

Turn your old blue jeans into Hope! FPC youth are collecting used **denim** jeans to use at a Sole Hope shoe cutting party April 24. Sole Hope provides closed-toe shoes and the medical care to remove parasites from the feet of Ugandan children. At the party we'll cut and bundle denim "uppers" that will be shipped to shoemakers in Uganda who will add the soles and complete the shoes.

SAVE THE DATE
VBS @ FPC ~ June 13-17

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.

When winter weather conditions 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!

About Our Church

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