

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**March 13, 2016**  
**Fifth 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**

Lift High the Cross  
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

Cynthia Dobrinski

*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

(8:30) Belinda Galeano  
(11:00) Marcia Dollerschell

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.*

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy;  
It was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

**The Lord has done great things for us, let us rejoice!**

## ◆ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.*

## 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

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes, our churches, indeed the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### Words of Life

*Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and a new life has begun.*

### ◆ 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 Gospel**

John 12:1-8

**Anthem** (8:30)

Lead Me On  
Chancel Choir

Brian A. Schmidt

Lord, lead me on and guide my path along the way. O lead me on to brighter days where peace is born from a hope that lies in me. Guide me safely through the night, that I may see the sun tomorrow when the new day has begun. Oh, lead me on in times of pain, lead me on. And may my heart be always warmed with thoughts of you.

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(11:00)

Lead Me On  
Laura Smith, soprano

Brian A. Schmidt

**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 Epistles**

Philippians 3:4b-14

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

*Straining toward what is ahead*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

◆ **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**

(8:30)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
Chancel Choir

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

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(11:00)

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

◆ **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 Gracious God, we bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.**

## Sending

- ◆ Hymn 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Benediction Response



Postlude Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing Alfred Fedak

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 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 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.

### **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
Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Diane M. Johnston-Arthur, Custodian

Child Care staff: Valerie Asleson, Kelly Bock, Margie Schaaf

Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Sue Kruger, Tami Rinn, Eric Schwartzbauer

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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## ***Calendar for the week of March 13 – March 20 (and beyond)***

### **TODAY – March 13**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Peter, Carol, and Jeff Carryer in celebration of Michael John Carryer.

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.

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**

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

Items for the **April newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to [fpc\\_carol@hotmail.com](mailto:fpc_carol@hotmail.com).

### **WEDNESDAY – March 16**

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

Today's **Lenten Noonday Organ Recital** will feature Eileen Nelson Ness, organist at Salem Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. This is the last Wednesday Lenten Recital for this year. 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.** 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.

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 Cuddle. Cuddle, a true Irish comfort food, is a combination of potatoes cooked with bacon and bangers. Remember to wear some green!

#### **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 " <i>The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus</i> " led by Rev. Parlette.
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

### **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 March 17, send Val a card or visit her at another time!

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

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

### **SATURDAY – March 19**

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

### **SUNDAY – March 20 (Palm Sunday)**

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

### **MONDAY – March 21**

**Esther Circle** will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

### **WEDNESDAY – March 23**

All Wednesday activities will meet as usual

### **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 between 8:30 a.m. and 11 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](mailto:perkins.kristen@mayo.edu).*

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

### ***For Your Information***

**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.

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.

**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.

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

Congratulations to Clifford and Patricia Gastineau who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary March 16.

Congratulations to Val Battenburg who will celebrate her 100th birthday March 17.

Congratulations to Ruby Rose who will celebrate her 94th birthday also on March 17.

We extend our condolences to Mary and Les Huie on the death of Mary's mother, Norma Shannon, March 6.

**SAVE THE DATE  
VBS @ FPC – June 13-17**

### ***Statement of Mission First Presbyterian Church Rochester, Minnesota***

- The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, our church shall work toward the following goals:
- To nurture the members of the church with a strong worship experience and compassionate pastoral leadership
- To encourage active participation in worship by individuals and families
- To strengthen faith and commitment by promoting vital Christian education, music, and fellowship programs for all ages
- To be a caring church community that ministers to individual needs
- To recognize our unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual needs of visitors to the medical center
- To share our faith through mission and social concern outreach in both the local and world community
- To maintain strong ties with Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to fulfill our responsibilities toward these bodies

#### **\*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!